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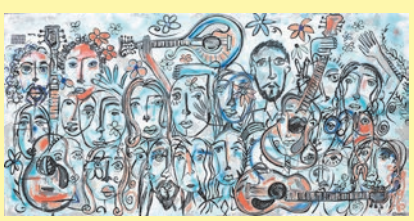

30A Songwriters Festival
By Andy Saczynski
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Opening Remarks

The Power of Song

I'm excited that *Beachcomber* is back in bed with the 30A Songwriters Festival, despite all those nasty things I wrote about them a couple years back. This is an event that gets bigger every year. There are more gasp-worthy names in the lineup than the 2009 inaugural event, though for me, first-year performer Rodney Crowell was about as big as you can get—four number-one singles from his album *Diamond and Dirt* back in 1989, damn.

Among the performers I'm looking forward to seeing this time around—songwriting great Mike Reid (Bonnie Raitt's hit "I Can't Make You Love Me," tons of Ronnie Milsap hits), country music legend Kathy Mattea (these days, her *Coal* album seems more relevant than ever), Rita Wilson (whose appearance in the film *Mixed Nuts* has made her a staple in the Manson-Hilton household every Christmas for the past decade), and renaissance man Steve Earle.

Then there are old favorites like Gretchen Peters, Mary Gauthier, Tommy Womack, Chas Sandford, Grayson Capps, Daphne Willis… major talents whose gifts to the music world shouldn't be overlooked while you're shuttling from Grand Boulevard to 30A trying to find a parking spot.

And it's great that the festival still finds room for our local musicmakers, folks like Donnie Sundal, I'MAGENE (formerly Continuum), Chris Alvarado, the Wildlife Specials, Kyle LaMonica, and The Wide Open, whose new album *Long Road Home* drops Jan. 13. Season Ammons and Allen Rayfield were kind enough to stop by the office and drop off a copy of the CD, and you simply must hear it.

The day after our Dec. 14, 2017 issue hit the stands, Jim Hilton—patriarch of Editor Manson's extended family and one helluva domino player—passed away. In January 2010, we published this photo of Mr. Hilton (left) from a W.E.B. Griffin book signing event at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Pensacola. He will be greatly missed.

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Andy Saczynski (Cover). The contemporary artist is perhaps best known for his mixed media assemblage art. Mr. Saczynski's style includes characteristics of cubism, folk art and outsider art. He primarily works with house paint, found objects, recycled musical instruments, reclaimed wood, and repurposed materials. He and his wife have called the Emerald Coast home since childhood. The Saczynskis married in 1999 and have five children. In his free time, the artist enjoys surfing and skateboarding. More at **ArtByAndySki.com.**

Alita Feek ("Shalimar Library Turns Another Page") lives in Shalimar and is a librarian by trade. These days, she's usually chasing her toddler around, writing or playing trumpet in the Emerald Coast Community Band.

Nikki Hedrick ("Horsin' Around in Santa Rosa Beach"), a resident of Seagrove Beach, is a photographer, longtime *Beachcomber* contributor, and co-owner of the 850 Music and Entertainment website.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Mr. Jones was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Samantha Lambert ("A Holiday Visit to the Big Easy") is still loving being back in Florida after 35 years away. The only thing she doesn't like is the cold weather that has come our way. She enjoys writing for *Beachcomber,* and as a former teacher, is using her skills to tutor local students.

Chris Leavenworth ("In Defense of Darkness") has lived in Northwest Florida his whole life. In addition to his work with Destin Harvest and time spent with his family and dog, Chris enjoys good conversations, reading books, and writing and playing music.

Dr. David C. Simmons (The Best Films of 2017) is the Professor of Film Studies and Humanities at Northwest Florida State College. He received his Ph.D. in Film Studies and Humanities from Florida State University in 2005, after developing a new theory in his dissertation examining how independent films tell stories differently than Hollywood films. In his spare time, Dr. Simmons enjoys leading the NWFSC Film Club, singing in the NWF Symphony Chorale, and leading community tour groups to Europe.

Joni Williams (Stream On) enjoys eating, drinking and hitting the road on the spur of the moment, which is pretty much what she writes about, too.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

I'm looking forward to discovering new favorites this year—I've already sampled fine work from Carly Burruss and Peter Bradley Adams on Spotify and can't wait to hear these kids in person.

And then there's Becky Warren, whose album *War Surplus* is a must—a first-rate collection of songs from the perspective of battle-hardened veterans, written and sung by someone who lives in her characters' skins and sounds like she's been there. If you catch one of her shows during the festival, come say hello—I'll be the guy singing along to all of Ms. Warren's songs.

"I'm thrilled to be heading back to 30A this year for the festival," Ms. Warren writes. "It's a dream vacation for a songwriter. Lots of my friends go, and many of my musical heroes perform. It's a gathering of many of my favorite people and lots of my favorite music in one of the most beautiful spots I've visited."

TALKING (WRITING?) POINTS

Beachcomber Music Awards X, originally set for the first Monday in March, has been postponed until sometime between after Spring Break and Memorial Day weekend. We'll keep you posted. Keep an eye on our Facebook page, because the nominating ballot will be posted online very, very soon. We hope.

- Editor Manson

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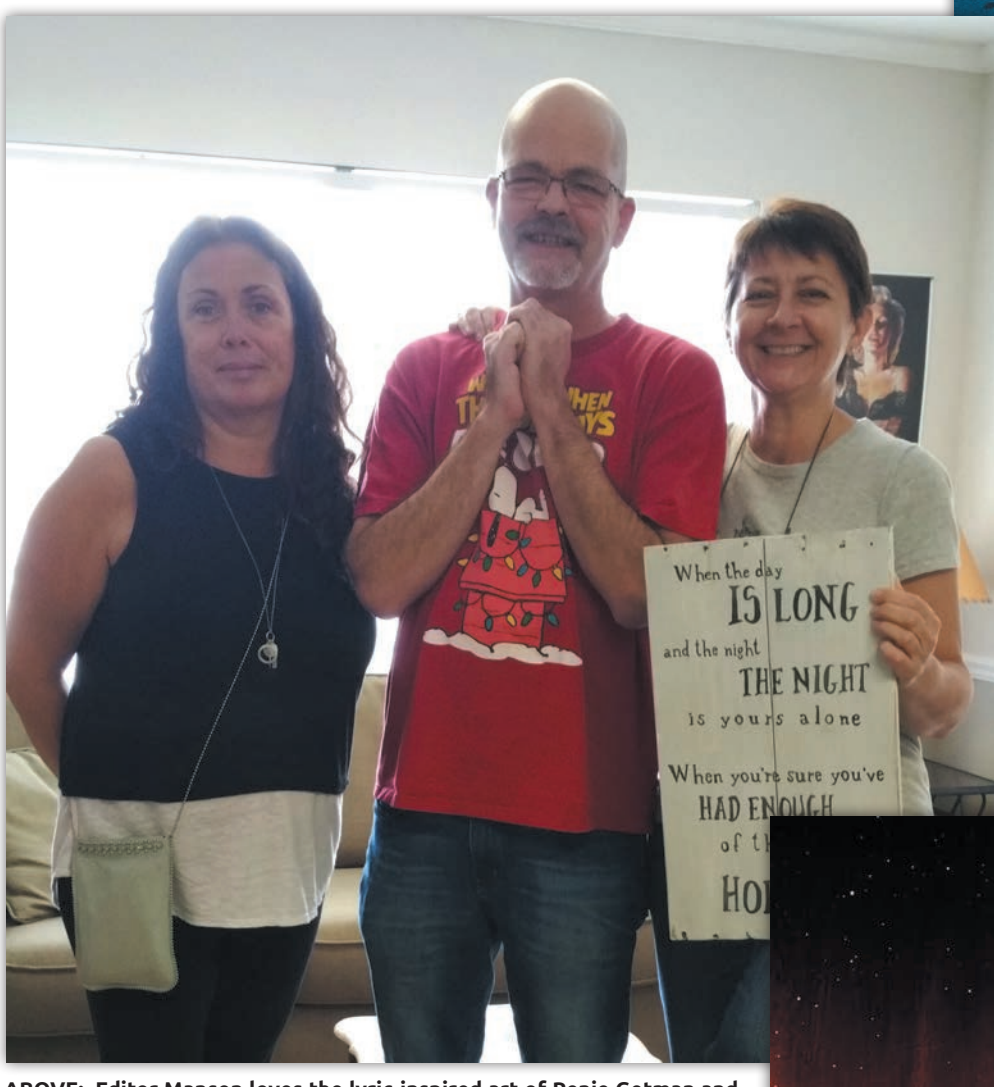
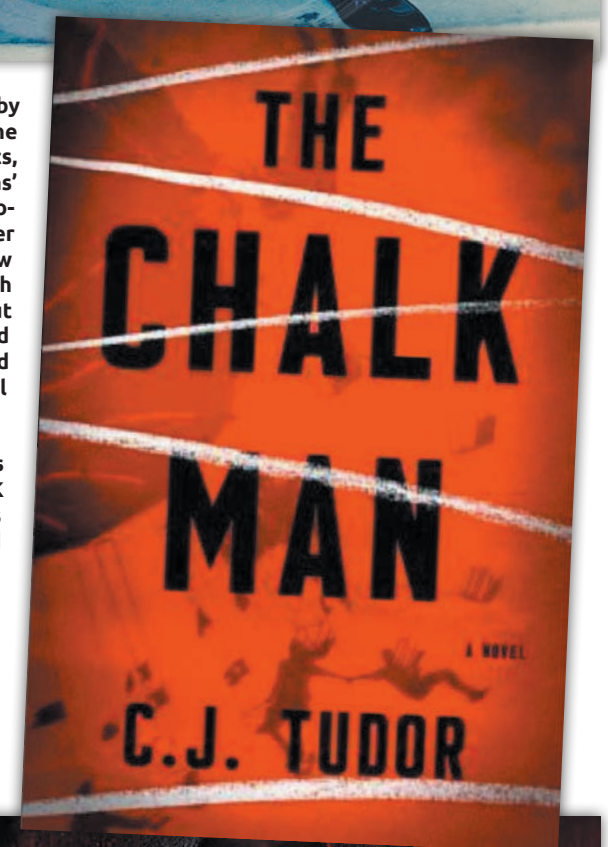
Editor's Choice

ABOVE: The Arts and Design Society of Fort Walton Beach's 2018 Calendar features over a dozen of our favorite local artists, and now that January is almost halfway over, you might be able to snarf up a copy at a considerable discount. ArtsDesignSociety.org.



ABOVE: With "Baby Coffee" topping the BILLBOARD jazz charts, Michael J Thomas' DRIVEN LP is a no-brainer. It's even better on vinyl, a format few (Chris Alvarado, Gileah Taylor, and that's about it) Beachcomberland musicians have ventured into. You've done us all proud, MJT.

RIGHT: C.J. Tudor's debut novel THE CHALK MAN skillfully jumps between past and present with a grisly 30-year-old murder at its center. The seemingly endless twists are reminiscent of Harlan Coben, pages before Ms. Tudor drops the bestselling author's name.



ABOVE: Editor Manson loves the lyric-inspired art of Renie Getman and frequent BEACHCOMBER cover artist Robin Wiesneth. He is also the proud owner of the stunning creation pictured here, inspired by R.E.M.'s immortal classic "Everybody Hurts."

RIGHT: Haters gonna hate, but Rian Johnson's STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI takes the franchise into new and often unexpected territory. Mark Hamill's return as Luke Skywalker is a triumph, and the battle scenes rival the best of any genre. Dr. David C. Simmons' spoiler-filled review is at BeachcomberDestin.com, so go read it right now.

The holidays are long since over, but we're sharing some photos from the 2017 Beachcomber-Harbor Docks-La Paz-Local Market-Camille's Christmas party anyway. And we're leaving the tree up until Spring Break, too.

RIGHT: Carla Morgan, contributing writer Marilu Morgan, and Carla May Morgan.

Contributing writer Chris Leavenworth and wife Anya.

Eddie Morgan and Beachcomber Publisher (among other things) Charles Morgan.

Heather Hedrick, Editor Manson and contributing writer-photographer Nikki Hedrick.

Contributing writer Samantha Lambert and husband Scott.

Students Shake It Up at Seaside Neighborhood School

Two particular students at Seaside Neighborhood Schools were singled out for "shaking things up"...in a good way.

Always up for creative fun, Seaside Neighborhood School principal **Kim Mixson** engaged fifth through eighth grade students with an exciting new program—the Amazing Shake.

"This national competition places an emphasis on teaching students manners, discipline, respect and professional conduct," said Mixson. "We know our amazing students will step up to the challenge to make us proud, as they always do."

Prior to the competition, students learn the nuances of professional interaction and best behavior, such as how to give a proper handshake, how to "work a room," how to give a successful interview, and how to remain composed under pressure.

"The overall goal is to prepare our students so that they are able to present and position themselves in the best possible way for opportunities today as well as those that will come in the future," said Mixson.

In September, students participated in the Great Seaside Shake. At this house event, small groups of students interviewed with judges (school staff, officials and business leaders from the community). After the interviews, they attended an ice cream social, where they were encouraged to mix and mingle with visitors and members of their house. They were asked to introduce themselves, carry a conversation, engage politely with peers and visitors, and welcome incoming guests.

After the ice cream social, sponsored by Culver's in Destin, the following students were selected to advance to the next round of the Great Seaside Shake—Carson Accola, John Akers, Annie Rose Allen, George Bailey, Scout Baughn, Sam Cooper, Kegley Hubbard, Meril Lagasse, Smith Reaves Sawyer Roberson, Lola Sennett, Sierra Smith, Matthew Storey and Reagan Wells. During this round, they learned about sharpening their skills in a mentoring class devoted to listening, public speaking and social skills.

In October, the next round was held at Thrill's Laser Tag & Arcade in Miramar Beach, and in December, six students competed in the finale at Emeril's Coastal Italian restaurant in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. Eighth grader Kegley Hubbard and seventh grader Meril Lagasse were selected as finalists by a panel judge of community leaders.

Photo by Leslie Wood.

The two finalists will represent Seaside Neighborhood School and compete in the Amazing Shake National Competition this February at the Ron Clark Academy (RCA) in Atlanta. RCA has a mission to deliver the highest quality educational experience where global citizens are born through advanced rigor, engaging teaching methods, and a passionate climate and culture.

For more information, visit **SeasideSchool.net.**

- Zandra Wolfgram

Gulf Coast Go Plans to Ease Parking, Traffic Woes in Walton and Okaloosa

In an effort to solve the traffic and parking issues on the Emerald Coast, Walton County locals Steve Burnett and Curtis Spagnola are launching Gulf Coast Go, a fleet of double decker buses and smaller trolleys that will travel along Highway 98 between Okaloosa Island and South Walton and along Scenic 30A. The official launch date will be during Spring Break of 2018.

In 2016, South Walton and Okaloosa counties were visited by over seven million people. The opportunity for visitors to take advantage of what both destinations have to offer has been hindered by a lack of transportation options. With the influx of this many people, the need for a viable transportation alternative is critical. Gulf Coast Go is here to help resolve this ongoing and frustrating problem.

Gulf Coast Go is a "hop on, hop off" transportation fleet that will connect South Walton visitors with the many attractions and businesses that Destin and Miramar Beach have to offer. And Destin tourists will now have the opportunity to enjoy a bit of the unique lifestyle that is found in South Walton. Double decker buses will be used along Highway 98, and trolleys along Scenic 30A.

The ultimate goal is to offer more variety to tourists and garner repeated travelers to Destin and South Walton while helping alleviate an ever-growing traffic problem. There isn't a travel option like this available for locals or tourists in South Walton or Destin, and it's likely to reduce the number of vehicles traveling between these destinations.

Gulf Coast Go will also help with the ever-increasing parking issues in Destin and South Walton. The service will allow tourists to gain access to attractions, restaurants, retail and activities without the struggle of parking. Gulf Coast Go believes parking concerns will be alleviated and traffic patterns will be influenced on 98 and 30A.

Initial routes will have multiple stops from 30A to Okaloosa Island. Gulf Coast Go will also have the capability to book local activities for riders, such as dolphin tours, paddleboarding, fishing charters, parasailing, watercraft rentals, water parks and more. Over 30 vendors are already on board. Riders can purchase one, three, five or seven-day bus passes and hop on or off any time.

During the peak season, operating hours will be from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. weekends. Locals will be able to buy a Local Pass at a discounted rate to travel with ease whether for work or play.

As part of the launch, Gulf Coast Go will provide FREE transportation during the 30A Songwriters Festival Jan. 12-15. Using the new trolleys, Gulf Coast Go will provide all-day transportation from the major venue, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, and nightly transportation from venues along 30A.

- Jill Tanner

Let's Give Trump the TV Remote, Not the Nuclear Button

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

The leader of the free world spends four to eight hours a day glued to the television, and sucking down Diet Cokes.

He's not the only angry old man who acts like that. You've probably got a surly loner uncle who has a similar routine.

During holiday visits you steer him to an empty room, plant him in front of the flat-screen and close the door, so the rest of the family can't hear him screaming at CNN.

We can afford to humor our crazy old uncles because they're relatively harmless, even when they're jacked up on caffeine. In our worst nightmares we wouldn't picture any of them as the president of the United States, one beet-faced tantrum away from pushing the nuclear button.

But America's cranky old Uncle Donald is in the White House, where—according to recent, chillingly detailed accounts—mood-management requires the full-time attention of his jittery staff.

Russia is the touchiest subject.

Despite the tonnage of evidence that Vladimir Putin's government aggressively interfered in the 2016 elections, the Big Orange Trumpster won't acknowledge it and doesn't want to hear about it.

Insiders familiar with the president's daily intelligence briefings have told *The Washington Post* that classified information about Russian hacking and other covert activities is rarely delivered verbally to Trump for fear it will set off another rant.

Consequently, the latest intel about Russia is usually included only in the written portion of the briefings, because it is well known that president isn't a big reader.

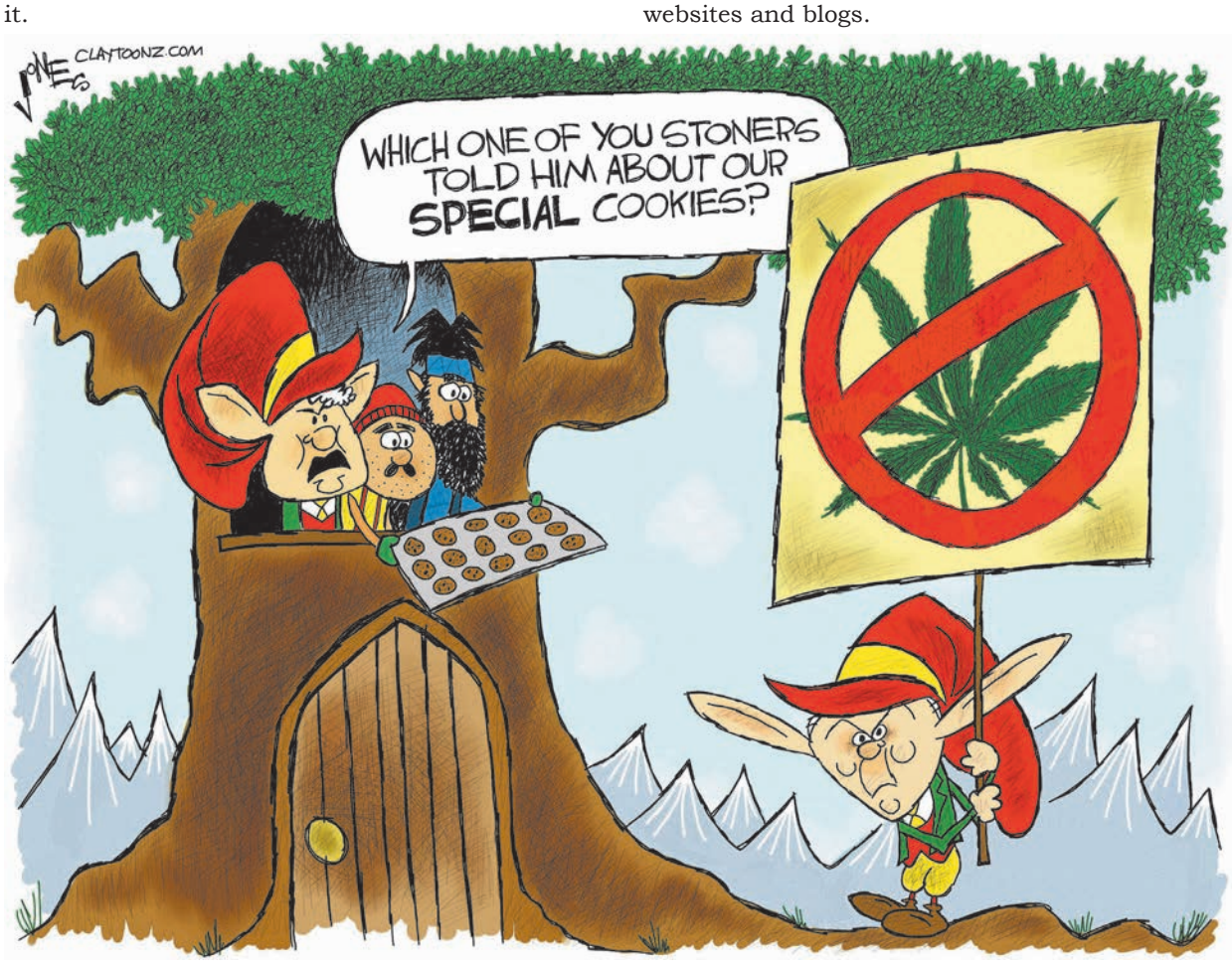
As disturbing and surreal as this situation might seem, there's a comic element that practically defies satire.

Imagine the literary challenge that faces CIA analysts tasked with presenting cold facts in a way that ensures the president won't take notice of them. This is a specialized talent.

Last year every U.S. intelligence agency concluded that Russian meddling in the election was real, widespread and well-orchestrated. Subsequent Congressional investigations—led by Republicans—have found the same thing.

Not a single informed person in government except crazy old Uncle Donald believes Putin's claim that Russia didn't interfere, culminating with the WikiLeaks release of internal emails from the Democratic National Committee.

Social media were also infiltrated to spread fake websites and blogs.



Facebook has admitted that more than 126 million users were exposed to content produced and distributed by Russian operatives. The company says it traced more than 470 suspicious accounts and 3,000 advertisements to Russia-controlled sources between 2015 and this year.

One operation, based in St. Petersburg, generated 80,000 posts that reached the news feeds of about 29 million people.

Two months ago, Google admitted that Russian state-sponsored actors posted more than 1,100 videos with 43 hours of content in a scheme to influence American voters on YouTube.

And Twitter, Trump's favorite social platform, recently revealed that Russian operatives controlled more than 2,700 accounts and 36,000 automated bots that tweeted more than 1.4 million times during the presidential campaign.

Even more serious: In September, the Department of Homeland Security confirmed that Russian hackers attempted to breach voting data systems in 21 states, including swing states such as Florida, in advance of last fall's elections.

That revelation should alarm every American—whether you're a Democrat, Republican or independent—yet it brought not a soda burp of protest from our denier-in-chief.

We can only speculate about why Trump remains so infatuated with Putin, but we know he continually denounces the "Russia thing" as fake news meant to discredit his historic election victory.

By promoting that spin, he slurs and demoralizes the entire U.S. intelligence community, whose somewhat important mission is to keep us safe from foreign threats.

Trump has been slightly more cautious about bashing the special counsel investigating the campaign's contacts with Russian officials. The president's lawyers undoubtedly have pointed out the idiocy of provoking prosecutors while one's own son and son-in-law are at risk of indictment, so for now Trump seems to be restraining himself.

That won't last. It never does.

Trump's minders can edit his daily briefings, but they can't stop him from parking in front of the television for hours at a time. He always finds something that lights his fuse and, if we're lucky, all that happens next is a seething tweet.

That's the difference between the president and your cranky old uncle who's holed up in the back room, mainlining aspartame and *Fox and Friends.*

The only button your cranky old uncle can press is on the remote control.

Chance to Drill Off Florida's Coast Has Some Salivating

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Donald Trump's feverish war on the American wilderness compels us to celebrate an unexpected voice of conscience, rare as it might be.

Last week, Rep. Carlos Curbelo of Miami and 11 other House Republicans co-signed a letter asking Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to remove from the tax-reform bill a provision that will allow oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

"For decades, Congress has voted to prohibit oil and gas development in the Refuge, with the overwhelming support of the American people," the letter said.

"Support for this protection remains strong today. After years of debate, the Arctic refuge stands as a symbol of our nation's strong and enduring natural legacy."

To no one's surprise, McConnell disregarded the plea of Curbelo and the others.

The Senate version of the tax-reform bill includes a green light for Arctic drilling, which was inserted purely to win the support of Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, a longtime advocate of oil and gas exploration on the fabled North Slope.

Drilling has nothing to do with the tax-reform debate, but McConnell needed Murkowski's vote for the bill to pass.

Why would Curbelo, a congressman from South Florida, buck the GOP leadership over an environmental sellout in faraway Alaska?

There's always a possibility that, despite being a Republican in the year 2017, Curbelo truly believes the Arctic refuge is worth preserving.

At the very least, he understands that coastal Florida could be the next battleground.

In April, Trump signed an executive order with a goal to expand offshore oil drilling in both the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, and evaluate the feasibility of energy exploration in certain marine sanctuaries.

The president's review of leasing boundaries includes vast tracts in the eastern Gulf of Mexico that are currently protected.

For decades drilling has been kept far offshore because of strong bipartisan opposition from many Florida lawmakers as well as business leaders, who dread the potentially devastating impact of oil spills on tourism and the marine industries.

Gov. Rick Scott, who's running for the Senate next year, is one office holder who has offered no lucid opinion on Trump's drilling plans, which is all you need to know about his priorities.

Scott's future Democratic opponent, Sen. Bill Nelson, has been a perennial opponent of allowing oil rigs closer to the coastlines.

As for the reliably evasive Sen. Marco Rubio, he'll do whatever McConnell wants him to do.

The administration says the Interior Department is studying other areas ahead of the Gulf, but don't doubt for a moment that the energy companies are salivating over the chance to drill near Florida's shores.

Here's what Jack Gerard, the CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, said after Trump's executive order: "We must particularly look to and embrace the future development of domestic oil and natural gas in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico."

Ironically, only a week after Trump's announcement, the Florida Legislature was ratifying a plan to distribute $300 million in compensation funds for several counties in the Panhandle that got economically crushed by the BP spill.

More than 200 million gallons of crude oil spewed into Gulf waters—a nightmare come true for beachside communities, and it didn't suddenly end after the 87th day, when the broken well was more or less capped.

Among the places where tourism took a hit were the Keys, part of Curbelo's House district. While Democrats have accused him of supporting the administration's aggressive energy agenda, he has firmly opposed efforts to allow oil exploration any closer than the current 125-mile coastal limits in Florida.

He also co-founded the Climate Solutions Caucus, which includes 30 other House Republicans who actually treat climate change as a reality.

Given Florida's catastrophic vulnerability to oil spills, it makes sense that Curbelo would be alarmed by his own party's strategy of sneaking another fragile region—the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge—into the Senate tax package. The precedent should scare every tourist town along the Gulf and Eastern seaboards.

If McConnell's ploy survives the House-Senate conference committee, the drilling approval for the Alaskan refuge will appear in the final tax-overhaul bill. Then Curbelo gets to vote again, and he'll have a hard choice to make.

March with his party, or stand with his conscience.

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Tuscaloosa

By Charles Morgan III

These are heady times in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It's the morning after a most improbable victory in the national championship football game. Alabama is not unfamiliar with these games. But this one was certainly different.

A come-from-behind victory, led by a Hawaiian teenager who had never started in a collegiate football game, was something special. And the crowd went wild.

But football is not the only special thing going on in Tuscaloosa.

Just over 10 years ago, Dr. Robert Witt, the president of the university, sent the athletic director, Mal Moore, to Miami to lure Nick Saban away from the Miami Dolphins. He pointedly told Moore, "Do not come back here without Nick Saban on that airplane." There is no way that Dr. Witt (or anyone else) could have known that Saban would be so outstandingly successful.

That's not all Dr. Witt did. He had already begun changing the nature of the University of Alabama. A nationwide plan was started to lure students to the sleepy town of Tuscaloosa.

They came.

This year, 72 percent of the freshman class is from outside the state. More than 40 percent of the class scored higher than 30 on the ACT. In addition to the diversity and experience out-of-state students provide, they bring money. Out-of-state tuition is roughly three times in-state tuition.

By contrast, states like Florida, Georgia and Tennessee (states with lotteries that supplement their universities) have student bodies with close to only 10 percent out-of-state students.

Walt Maddox has been the mayor of Tuscaloosa for the last 12 years. A no-nonsense, forward thinking, charismatic 44-year-old, Maddox has overseen incredible growth and managed infrastructure changes to make Tuscaloosa a more livable, modern town. He provided real leadership after a devastating tornado wrecked lives and large portions of the city. Maddox is hoping that his successes in Tuscaloosa help him to become governor of Alabama next year.

Those three men—Dr. Witt, Coach Saban, and Mayor Maddox—were the right people in the right place at the right time. Tuscaloosa will forever be changed by their leadership.

College towns tend to be special places. The mix of academia and young people growing up and striving to learn is special. And, of course, there is football…and all the other competitive sports (Alabama is about to have a great basketball program).

Many of the diverse group of students in Tuscaloosa will graduate and decide to stay in Alabama. That's good news for the state. Most students will return to their hometowns or follow job opportunities in new places. They will take their experiences at the university with them.

Without even trying, they will further the brand of the University of Alabama and the successes of the school and the town in which they became adults. They'll know that success in life, not unlike football, depends on timing and opportunity and recovering from misfortune. It's a process—a process with which we are becoming very familiar.

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In Defense of Darkness

By Chris Leavenworth

I have a bad habit of downloading Facebook on my phone whenever I need to look something up and then not uninstalling it when I'm finished. I know I should just exercise better self-control, but I really don't like having it on me wherever I go.

On New Year's Eve, I was lying in bed scrolling my feed, and I came across a sermon posted in a local publication by a pastor of a rather large church in our area. I'm not thrilled that the newspaper has become a platform for evangelical proselytizing, but I understand that they're a private business and that they can do that.

If I'm being honest, I really wanted to know what kind of sermon gets printed in a local newspaper. My curiosity of that, and my masochistic tendencies that emerge when consuming media on my phone, were all it took for me to click through to the article and find out.

The pastor's message connects good and evil to light and darkness using biblical context and citing scripture. Although these terms are clumsy metaphors to assign to morality, they can be useful in art and theater when people aren't confusing fantasy for reality. What really got my attention was the fact that the writer wasn't speaking metaphorically.

He makes the claim that physical darkness serves the purpose to not only "cover evil but also oppress people." It's not too hard to imagine how quickly someone already accustomed to thinking loosely about these terms might embrace this train of thought.

I'm careful to not be vituperative about anyone's personal faith. I'm happy for anyone who's inspired to be a more moral, considerate or empathetic person through doctrine, faith, personal relationship, or whatever they prefer to call it. I am, however, very concerned about doctrine that simplifies morality in such a way that's easy to swallow, yet doesn't offer an accurate representation of reality.

The same misconception was made about Africans in medieval European society, and then later in America, institutionalizing slavery and prevailing racism. Judeo-Christian art from the Middle Ages almost always depicted demons as dark-skinned humans with hooves and horns. This is no coincidence, either—the Roman Catholic Church viewed the darker skin of those from Africa to be a direct curse from God.

Take it from Montesquieu, who wrote, "We cannot imagine the idea that God, who is a very wise being, has put a soul, especially a good soul, in an all-black body."

To be crystal clear, I'm not suggesting the pastor's message had any intentional racist or hateful connotations, but his reasoning is shared historically by people who applied it to primitive racist worldviews in an intellectually dark time.

Adults really should know that physical darkness and light have absolutely nothing to do with good or evil.

Corruption asserts itself in broad daylight, and most folks don't blink an eye. Evil hides best in plain sight and thrives in the light. Genuine charity and goodwill often occur in places where there are no witnesses—in the dark.

However, as I have stated repeatedly, good and evil cannot be confined to such arbitrary terms. We live in a time when the value of truth is being drowned out by cognitive distortion, and it's crucial that people view the moral landscape through a lens that's not just black and white.

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ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is $20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. **rosalynograd y.com.**

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is $80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE, 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-622-0400 or visit **www.artistsatgulfplace.com** for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at **artsdesignsociety.org.**

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is $15 ($12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is $15 ($12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is $70 ($60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is $90 ($80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is $12 ($10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

Thursdays. Watercolor with Pat Farwell, 9:30 a.m.-noon. For beginners and advanced artists. Bring your own supplies. Cost is $90 ($80 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

Jan. 17 and 18. Georgia O'Keeffe – One Hundred Flowers Acrylic Workshop, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. both days. **Farideh Peacock** instructs. Students will study the style and method of the artist and produce their own versions of the work. Cost is $130 ($110 for ADSO members). View Ms. Peacock's work at **FaridehPeacock.com.**

Jan. 27. Portrait Technique Level II, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Master portrait artist **George Brandon** focuses on giving detail to eyes, nose and mouth using Conte crayons and charcoal. Cost is $55 ($45 for ADSO members). All supplies included. Suitable for beginning and advanced artists.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit **www.CHROMA30A.com** for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit **fullcirclefwb.com** for more info.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit **Heritage-Museum.org** to sign up or for more info.

Jan. 19. Pine Needle Basketry, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **Carol Dickson** teaches the age-old skill using the original Seminole techniques. Cost is $60 ($55 for museum members). All supplies included. Space is limited, so call to preregister.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

Jan. 19. Teddie Ciudad-Real's Monthly Mobile Class, 10 a.m. Use driftwood, glass, geodes, and wire to create your masterpiece. Cost is $35, all supplies included. Call or email **teddiec@gmail.com** for reservations.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 a.m. All ages classes at 11 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at $85, kids at $40. Sign up online at **ShardShop.com** or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH JAN. 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

This month, the spotlight is on award-winning **Wally Ratcliffe,** who works in acrylic, watercolor and collage.

THROUGH JAN. 31. SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Bright young talents under the tutelage of **Dr. Vivian Moreira Komando.**

THROUGH FEB. 2. ADSO MEMBERS ART SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Reception **Jan. 12,** 6-8 p.m.

THROUGH FEB. 25. WINTER ROTATION AT THE FOSTER GALLERY, GRAND BOULEVARD AT SANDESTIN

The Cultural Arts Association of Walton County's artist collective features **Melody Bogle, Jacques Camp, Donnelle Clark, Connie Dismukes, Linda Kernick, Shelley Minchew, Rosalyn O'Grady, Maxine Orange, Marian Pacsuta, Kyle Paxton, Lesha Porche, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher, Jenna Varney, Krista Vind, Robin Wiesneth** and **Chandler Williams.** Selected by jury, all artists are members of the Cultural Arts Alliance, and each will exhibit one to two pieces of work in this special exhibition. More at **CulturalArtsAlliance.com.**

JAN. 13. ARTIST GALLERY DAY AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH

Doors open at 10 a.m. Various artists demonstrate how they create. Lots of fun, and refreshments and one-of-a-kind items will be available.

JAN. 13 AND 20. JOY OF ART GROUP AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

From 9 a.m. to noon, inventive creators come together to collaborate and broaden their horizons. Likeminded individuals are invited to join in. Call Linda at 850-267-3809 for more info.

JAN. 24. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Thalia Newton and Eric Harris, a/k/a Home Tweet Home, discuss the venture that led to a collection of unique and original birdhouses. The luncheon costs $12 and begins at 11:30 a.m. Make your reservations by Jan. 22—call

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850-244-1271 or email **adsorsvp@gmail.com.**

OPENS FEB 1. CHARLOTTE PARRISH EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY
Featuring a variety of work, including paintings and small table sculptures. Ms. Parrish studied at the London School of Fine Art, among others. For more info, email **parrishstudiogallery@gmail.com.**

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email **adaro.art@gmail.com** or visit **adaroart.com** for more info.

AMUSE ART STUDIO Acrylic paintings, watercolors and gifts. Owner and artist **Linda Barton** has a Master's Degree in Art Education. Open 2-6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-660-6560 or 250-901-0718. Check out more at **amuseartstudio.com.**

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. **www.artsdesignsociety.org**.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of local artist **Kathleen Broaderick.** Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery, or take a class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint-and-sip-type classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding the joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit **www.CHROMA30a.com** or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. **www.fullcirclefwb.com.**

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MARY HONG GALLERY Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael's), Nashville (4th and Union next to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril's Florida* TV show and HGTV's *House Hunters.* Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. 850-231-1416. **MaryHongStudio.com.** The Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. 850-231-0544. **ShardShop.com/Grayton.** Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. 850-842-4440. **ShardShop.com/Destin.**

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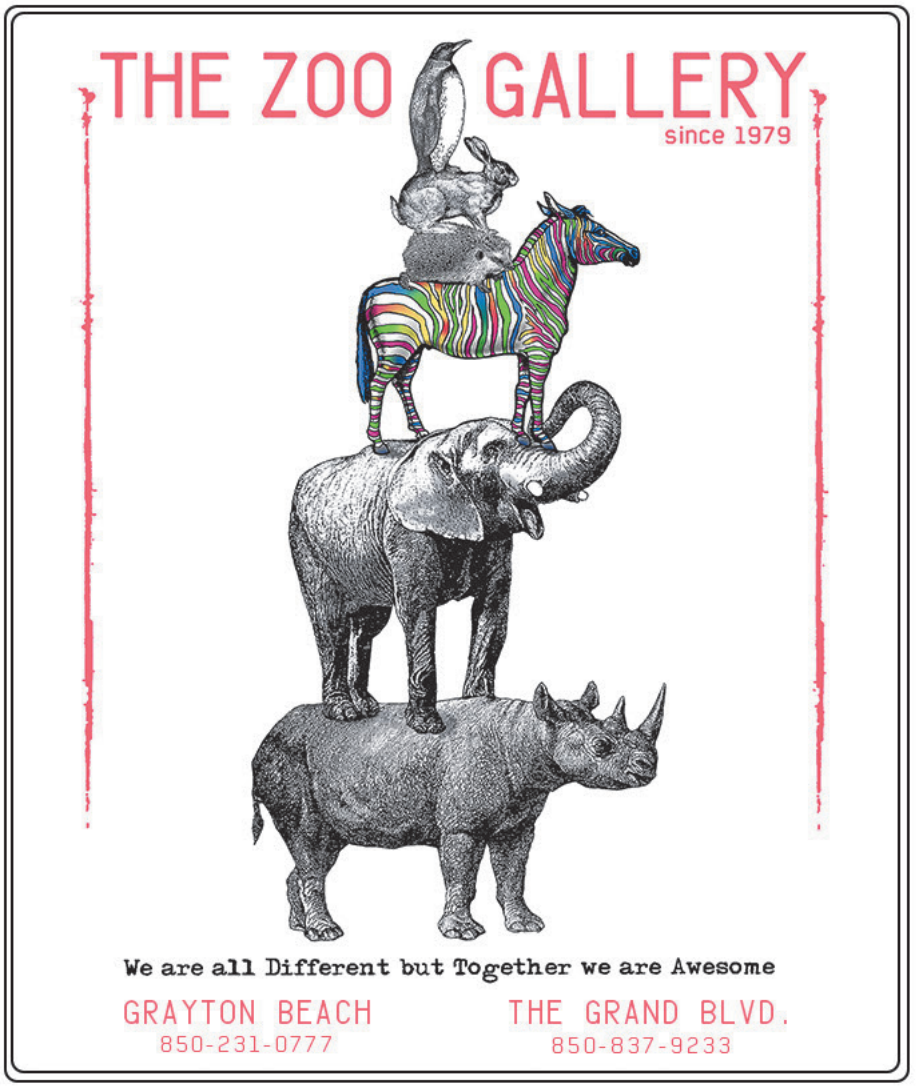
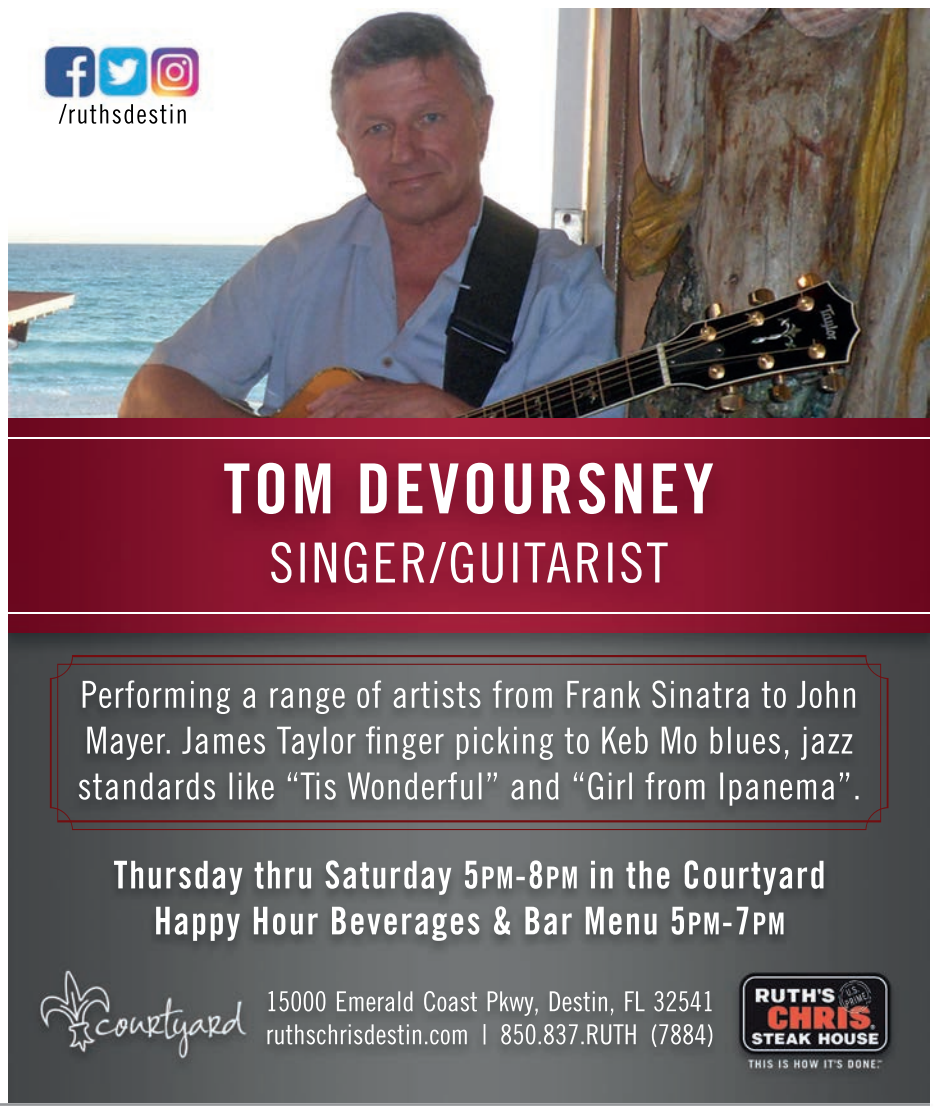
CALL TO ARTISTS

Arts and Design Society's "Something Human" Show featuring artwork in any medium depicting anything about the human figure. Turn in work Saturday, **Feb. 3,** 1-4 p.m. and Monday, **Feb. 5,** 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is $35 for two pieces ($25 for ADSO members). Entry forms at **ArtsDesignSociety.org.**

Fifty-Ninth Annual Beaux Arts Exhibition, hosted by The Meridian at Westwood and sponsored by the Arts and Design Society, runs **Feb. 9-11.** Register at the Atrium of The Meridian in Fort Walton Beach **Feb. 8,** 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is $35 ($25 for ADSO members), limit two entries. Cash awards. For more info, call Hanna at 850-582-1329 or visit **ArtsDesignSociety.org.**





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Country music great Lee Ann Womack performs at Grand Boulevard in Miramar Beach Saturday, Jan. 13, at noon as part of the 2018 30A Songwriters Festival.

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Musician (and songwriter and actor and author and activist) Steve Earle takes the stage at Grand Boulevard Saturday, Jan. 13, at 1:30 p.m. He's also set to appear at Caliza that night at 9. Good luck navigating that traffic, Steve!

@katefox3141

One of Ms. Fox's hardworking assistants at the Emerald Coast Science Center in Fort Walton Beach.

Rita Wilson, Rhett Miller and More Added to 30A Fest Lineup

The ninth annual *30A Songwriters Festival,* set for **Jan. 12-15,** has announced many additional confirmed artists for the 2018 celebration of singers and songs, including **Lauren Staley & Jason Morrow (The Whiskey Gentry)**, **Raelyn Nelson Band**, **Diane Gentile with Alfonso Velez**, **Airpark**, **Alan Rhody**, **Amilia K Spicer**, **Andi Zack-Johnson**, **Becca Mancari**, **Ben Glover**, **Billy Montana**, **Blake Bollinger**, **Blake Guthrie**, **Boukou Groove**, **Bradley Cole Smith**, **Brian White**, **Chas Sandford**, **Courtyard Saints**, **Crystal Bowersox**, **Dan Bern**, **Dave Franklin**, **Dead Rock West**, **Don DiLego**, **Donnie Sundal**, **Ella Blue**, **Gabe Dixon**, **Jade Jackson**, **Jaimee Harris**, **Jennifer Lynn Simpson**, **Jeremy Lister**, **Joe Leathers**, **Johnny Irion**, **Jonathan Mitchell**, **Karyn Williams**, **Granville Automatic**, **Hugh Mitchell**, **I'MAGENE**, **Korby Lenker**, **Kyle LaMonica**, **Kyle Mitchell**, **Lily Winwood**, **Marc Harris & Jab Wilson**, **Max Gomez**, **Max McCann**, **The AJ Ghent Band**, **Nicole Chillemi**, **Parker & Parker**, **Paul Burch**, **Phil Madeira**, **Sarah Peacock**, **Shannon LaBrie**, **Skylar Gudasz**, **Sterling Fletcher**, **The Sundogs and The Haraway Brothers**, **Tommy Womack**, **TOWNE**, **Tyler Flowers**, **Ingrid Graudins**, **Wildlife Specials**, **Wyatt Edmondson**, and **Wyatt Espalin.**

"The 2018 Festival lineup is shaping up to be the best ever combination of Americana, country, folk, alternative and blues songwriters," says festival co-producer **Russell Carter.**

"The 30A Songwriters Festival is a unique cultural event like no other in this area. The festival brings together nearly every South Walton community and many businesses to showcase our home as a destination not only for its beautiful beaches but also for its musical and creative excellence, which is the purpose of the Cultural Arts Alliance," says **Jennifer Steele,** CAA executive director and festival co-producer. "The festival is critical to the mission of the Cultural Arts Alliance and by far our biggest fundraiser. 100 percent of the festival's net proceeds go back into our nonprofit and enable the CAA to continue to be a champion for the arts in Walton County."

Rita Wilson. Well-known as an actress (Sleepless in Seattle, Mixed Nuts, and, most recently, on Broadway in Larry David's *Fish in the* Dark) and film producer (*Mamma Mia!, My Big Fat Greek Wedding*), her first love is music. In May 2012, Ms. Wilson realized a lifelong dream with her debut solo album *AM/FM,* an intimate, elegant and beautifully sung collection of covers of her favorite songs from the '60s and '70s. In March 2016, she released her self-titled second album, showcasing her skill for creating insightful, eloquent singer-songwriter pop music that is etched with stunning honesty.

Rhett Wilson. Lead singer of the Old 97's, Mr. Miller released his new solo album *The Traveler* in 2015. Miller's songs have been described aptly as "smart, funny, and thoughtful," says *Mother Jones.* "They evoke a larger world of constant existential yearning, minus any tedious genre purism."

Gary Louris. Over the last three decades, singer, songwriter, guitarist and producer Gary Louris has built a deeply compelling body of music whose artistry and integrity has won the loyalty of an international audience and the respect of both critics and his peers. Best known for his seminal work with The Jayhawks, Louris is one of the most acclaimed musicians to come out of Minnesota's teeming rock scene.

Cory Chisel and Adriel Denae. Wisconsin native Cory Chisel first connected with the power of song—and the spellbinding possibilities of live performance—through the music he heard in church. His father was a Baptist preacher, his mother played the organ, and Chisel and his sister sang. The gospel's rich vernacular of loss and redemption also informed his innate poetic sense and lyrical range. Chisel went on to become a critically acclaimed recording artist who was deemed one of 2009's best new artists by *Rolling Stone* for his RCA release *Death Won't Send A Letter.* In 2017, Mr. Chisel released *Tell Me True*, his first duo album with partner and bandmate Adriel Denae.

Lilly Hiatt. "Gonna hang on a little bit longer, sleep well, work a little harder, put my faith in something I can't see," Ms. Hiatt on the title track of her third LP, *Trinity Lane.* It's a set of honest words from an album of personal truths, a collection of songs that take stock of where she's been, where she's going and the challenges she's weathered to get there. Produced by Michael Trent of (Shovels & Rope), *Trinity Lane* is indeed about hanging on, working hard and keeping the faith.

For more information on the 2018 30A Songwriters Festival, including constant updates on confirmed artists, venues, and ticket purchase information, visit **30ASongwritersFestival.com.**

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UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

JAN. 12

Avatar, *Avatar Country.* Also on vinyl.
Bad Company, *Bad Company Live at Red Rocks.* CD/DVD.
Big Star, *Live at Lafayette's Music Room—Memphis, TN.* Also on vinyl
Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, *Wrong Creatures*
Black Veil Brides, *Vale*
Camila Cabello, *Camila*
Petula Clark, *Living for Today*
Dirty Sidewalks, *Bring Down the House Lights*
Anderson East, *Encore*
Tinsley Ellis, *Winning Hand.* "Guitar, guitar, guitar is what this album is all about," says Mr. Ellis, who recorded primarily with his 1959 Fender Stratocaster, his 1967 Gibson ES 345 and his 1973 Les Paul Deluxe.
Diana Ross, *Diamond Diana: The Legacy Collection*
Curtis Salgado & Alan Hager, *Rough Cut.* Award-winning vocalist Salgado and renowned guitarist Hager team up for a stripped-down album of originals and carefully selected blues covers. "We did it for the love of music," says Mr. Salgado. "This is where our hearts are. These are deep songs that we love to play."
Joe Satriani, *What Happens Next*
Typhoon, *Offerings.* Also on vinyl.
Umphrey's McGee, *it's not us*
Dr. Demento Covered in Punk

JAN. 19

Anvil, *Pounding the Pavement.* Also on vinyl.
Bahamas, *Earthtones.* Also on vinyl.
Belle and Sebastian, *How to Solve Our Human Problems (Part 2)*
Black Label Society, *Grimmest Hits.* Also on vinyl.
Cane Hill, *Too Far Gone.* Also on vinyl.
The Chick Corea + Steve Gadd Band, *Chinese Butterfly*
Tommy Emmanuel, *Accomplice Once.* With guests Jason Isbell, Amanda Shires, Rodney Crowell, Ricky Skaggs, Bryan Sutton and more.
Fall Out Boy, *MANIA*
Fleetwood Mac, *Fleetwood Mac (Deluxe Edition).* Also on vinyl.
John Gorka, *True in Time*
The Go! Team, *Semicircle*
A Grave with No Name, *Passover*
Glen Hansard, *Between Two Shores*
Kimbra, *Primal Heart.* Also on vinyl.
Cane Hill, *Too Far Gone*
LANCO, *Hallelujah Nights.* Also on vinyl.
Joe Perry, *Sweetzerland Manifesto.* Also on vinyl.
Phillip Phillips, *Collateral*
Porches, *The House.* Also on vinyl.
The Shins, *The Worms Heart.* Also on vinyl.
They Might Be Giants, *I Like Fun.* Also on vinyl.
tUnE-yArDs, *I can feel you creep into my private life*
The Xcerts, *Hold on to Your Heart.* Also on vinyl.
Stax Singles, Vol. 4: Rarities & Best of the Rest

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Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707. Email MP3s and streaming links to **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

Chasing Lovely

Things We Don't Talk About

Independent

This sister duo is the hallmark of the direction pop-folk is taking. It's airy with ambient rock instrumentation to elevate emotional swells, while fearlessly tackling relatable topics on the journey to self-discovery. Under all those descriptions are two lovely young women forging their way onto the music scene with heart and words of wisdom. Chasing Lovely performs at the 30A Songwriters Festival **Jan. 12-15.**

- Nikki Hedrick

Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion

Bright Examples

Independent

This duo, appearing at the 30A Songwriters Festival, stares down an impressive lineage. Guthrie is a Guthrie—granddaughter to Woody, daughter to Arlo—while Irion is a Steinbeck, as in Thomas and John. Their marriage and music mark a wonderful expression of American culture. *Bright Examples* is warm, delicate folk music bursting with lovely harmonies and a feeling of nostalgic innocence.

- Nikki Hedrick

Greta Van Fleet

From the Fires

Lava Music

Incredibly, the album's four new tracks are every bit as stellar as the four previously released ones. And, yes, GVF still sounds incredibly similar to Led Zeppelin, too. It's as if Robert Plant's vocals have been reincarnated in Josh Kiszka's throat. Apparently, this isn't a deliberate dupe, as the younger band's members have tried to earnestly disassociate themselves, stating repeatedly that they don't want to be a band known only for sounding like another one. It's also worth noting they don't have a dupe equal to Jimmy Page. Still, it's clear their musical abilities are all up to par. And their sound, though eerily familiar, is also authentic and fresh.

- Joni Williams

Heather Newman

Burn Me Alive

Vizztone Label Group

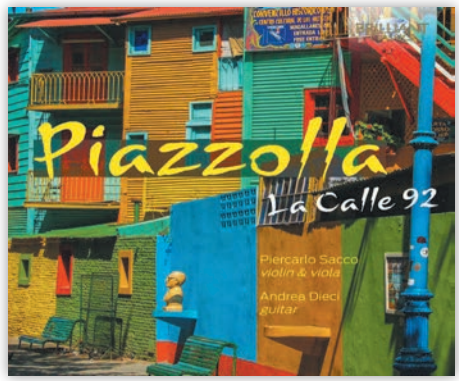
Nebraska-born blues singer and guitarist Newman recently released her first studio album, *Burn me Alive*. The sexy cover photo promises a program of sultry bad girl blues, and she delivers on it. She's tamed her guitar into service, backing up a voice that laments, growls, sneers, and commands your full attention for all 12 tracks. She deftly keeps things on simmer, taking her time before cutting loose and testifying on songs like "Dirty Blues" and "I'm Through with You." You'll hear echoes of Bonnie Raitt, Janis Joplin, Holly Cole, and a whole line of blues and country hot mamas.

- Bruce Collier

Piercarlo Sacco and Andrea Dieci

Piazzolla: La Calle 92

Brilliant Classics



Astor Piazzolla should be even more famous than he is. He took the most tradition-bound musical genre in Argentina—the tango—and remade it for the 20th century sensibility, infusing it with classical and jazz style. Violinist Sacco and guitarist Dieci team up once more (they recorded an earlier Piazzolla collaboration in 2014) for *La Calle 92*. The album offers 14 tracks, only one them longer than five minutes. It's lively, intense, and manages to be dramatic and humorous at the same time—like the average tango. Listen with a partner, because it still takes two to…you know.

- Bruce Collier

Various Artists

Habibi Funk: An Eclectic Selection of Music from the Arab World

Habibi Funk

No kidding, this album—compiled from a list of Arab artists (some no longer alive)—sounds like *Little Richard Live at Marrakesh*, if there were such a recording. Habibi Funk label was founded in 2015 to give the world a taste of a whole lotta shakin' that was goin' on in Morocco and other Arabic countries from the '60s through the '80s. It's quite a sampler, alternating English and Arabic, with quotes from British and American rock 'n' roll, funk, and, on one track (titled "Unknown"), Beethoven's "Fur Elise." The recording's basement tape quality only adds to the immediacy.

- Bruce Collier

The War and Treaty

Down to the River

Strong World Entertainment

Have you ever pushed play and fell madly in love? That deep feeling that gives you chill bumps and makes you want to tell everyone who will to listen? That was *Down to the River* for me, a powerful take on neo-soul with blues roots that take hold and never let go. Only a minute into the first track, I knew everything I needed to about this group, and I fell in love.

- Nikki Hedrick

Pause&Play (the music site)

Pauseandplay.com – Since 1997, P&P has been the definitive place for music fans to find out when a new album is coming out. Also stay up on the latest reissues and music-related DVD/Blu-rays and books. Elton John says he uses Pauseandplay.com to keep track of new music, and *Entertainment Weekly* has included it on its list of "The 100 Greatest Web Sites," one of only 17 music sites to be selected.

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Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** to get your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
I'MAGENE, 7 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

THE LOUNGE AT MARINA BAY RESORT, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 5:30 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
DON MIDDLEBROOK, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
30A Songwriters Festival Meet the Artists Kickoff Party, 10 p.m.-Midnight
The only FREE public event of the festival.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

CUVEE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 9-11 p.m.

DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso
RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 p.m.
"The Delta's Rockin' Countryboy"

DUCK DUCK, Destin Harbor
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 11 p.m.

ELKS LODGE, Okaloosa Island
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
SIMPLY D'VYNE, 8 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHANK, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
JACOB MOHR BAND, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

MOSEY'S DOWNTOWN, Panama City
MOSE WILSON AND THE DELTA TWANG, 8 p.m.

PROPS BREWERY & GRILL, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
DEEPWELL, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

THE TANK, Valparaiso
BOB CUSHING, 9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
DIANE GENTILE, 6 p.m.
PAUL THORN, 11 p.m.

THE BOATHOUSE LANDING, Valparaiso
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

COASTERS, Fort Walton Beach
ROCKERS 4 LIFE, 7 p.m.

CUVEE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 9-11 p.m.

THE FINISH LINE, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 7-11 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
HABITUAL OFFENDER – CONJUGAL VISIT, 9 p.m. ($5)

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
WEBB DALTON, 5 p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 1-3 p.m.
FREE Winter Concert Series

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SAENGER THEATRE, Pensacola
Beethoven & Blue Jeans, 7:30 p.m.
Featuring Tracy Silverman on electric violin.

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE – WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
SABOTAGE – Tribute to the Beastie Boys, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 3-7 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
I'MAGENE, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6-9 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LAMONICA, 7 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 2 p.m.
Winter Guest Concert Series

HIBISCUS BACKYARD OF LOVE, Santa Rosa Beach
PAUL THORN, 11 a.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 6-10 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
BUST, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

MONDAY, JAN. 15

BACK PORCH BAR & GRILL, Pensacola
Jam Night, 8 p.m.
Acoustic jam at 8, electric jam at 9.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 4-7 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Blues Jam, 6 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m.
Cat Shirt Monday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
DREW TILLMAN, 5 p.m.

PHINEAS PHOGG'S, Pensacola
DR. BRIAN TAYLOR (Trumpet and Flugelhorn) – MATT McCARTY (Woodwinds) – GINO ROSARIA (Keys) – TOM LATENSER (Bass) – FRED DOMULOT (Drums)
Dr. Taylor and friends pay tribute to "The Music of Herb and Chuck"—Alpert and Mangione, respectively.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-10 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LA PAZ, Destin
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
DERRICK DORSEY, 5 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
JOSH FOX, 6-9 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bonfire at the Beach

BEACH HOUSE BAR AND GRILL, Navarre
ADAM KELLUM, 4 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

Live Music

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SAENGER THEATRE, Pensacola
TEDESCHI TRUCKS BAND – AMY RAY AND HER BAND, 7:30 p.m. ($39.50 and up)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE – WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

FUDPUCKER'S, Destin
DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7 p.m.
Call 850-654-1544 for priority seating.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
I'MAGENE, 7 p.m.

GRAYTON BEER COMPANY, Santa Rosa Beach
RUST & GOLD, 5 p.m.
Neil Young tribute band.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
SOME KIND OF NIGHTMARE – SCARS AND STRIPES, 8 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

THE LOUNGE AT MARINA BAY RESORT, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 5:30 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com
THE HONEY DEWDROPS, 7:30 p.m.
Baltimore, Maryland-based Laura Wortman and Kagey Parrish are celebrating nine years of touring in North America and Europe. The Honey Dewdrops boast tight harmonies and a musical ensemble that include banjo, mandolin and guitars. Tickets are $25.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
I'MAGENE, 9 p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

ARNETT'S GULFSIDE FARM & STABLES, Santa Rosa Beach, ArnettFarm30A.com
ASHLEY CAMPBELL, KEN JOHNSON & ANDI ZACK-JOHNSON, 7 p.m.
Friday Farmhouse Concert Series in the Tack Room. General admission is $10, preferred seating (with two drink tickets) is $25.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin
DEPARTURE – HEAD GAMES, 7 p.m.
Journey and Foreigner tribute bands, respectively. Tickets available at **RockDestin.com.**

CUVEE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 9-11 p.m.

DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso
RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 p.m.
"The Delta's Rockin' Countryboy"

DUCK DUCK, Destin Harbor
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 11 p.m.

EAST RIVER SMOKEHOUSE, Navarre
RED MOON TRAVELERS, 7 p.m.

THE FINISH LINE, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 8 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE GRAYTONES, 8 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
HAPPY LEMMY, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
The legendary Mr. Couch, solo and with band.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
WILL THOMPSON, 6 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEE YANKIE, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
THE FISH HOUSE BAND, 7 p.m.

PROPS BREWERY & GRILL, Fort Walton Beach
WAYNE HALL, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
COPPERLINE BLUEGRASS, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STANDING ROOM ONLY, Niceville
ROB ROMANS, 8 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar
BENGHAZI GRESHAM, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK, Panama City Beach
SALLY SPRING & TED LYONS, 6:30-8 p.m.
The Americana Music at the Lodge concert series welcomes the Winston-Salem, North Carolina duo. Ms. Spring creates magical moments with her beautiful lyrics, haunting melodies and dulcet tones, accompanied by Mr. Lyons' percussive guitar and sweet harmonies.

CUVEE KITCHEN + WINE BAR, Destin
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 9-11 p.m.

DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso
RONNIE PRESLEY, 6 p.m.
"The Delta's Rockin' Countryboy"

THE FINISH LINE, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 7-11 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 p.m.

Rockin' Dopsie, from a recent show at Arnett's Gulfside Farm & Stables in Santa Rosa Beach.

Photo by Shelly Swanger.

Live Music

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Hip-Hop vs. R&B Showcase with CHASE CARTER, YUNG HD, THE STRANGERS and More, 9 p.m.
Presented by Elevated Underground and Limitless Entertainment.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
GRITS N PIECES, 5 p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin
DAVID SEERING, 1-3 p.m.
FREE Winter Concert Series

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
LUKE LANGFORD BAND, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, LoveTheREP.com
RYANHOOD, 7 p.m.
The Tucson, Arizona act was named Best Group/ Duo in the 2014 International Acoustic Music Awards. Tickets *are* $25.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

SAENGER THEATRE, Pensacola
TRAVIS TRITT, 7 p.m. ($36.95 and up)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE – WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ'S, Grayton Beach
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 3-7 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
I'MAGENE, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6-9 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, EmeraldGrande.com
BOUKOU GROOVE, 2 p.m.
Winter Guest Concert Series

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 6-10 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

MONDAY, JAN. 22

BACK PORCH BAR & GRILL, Pensacola
Jam Night, 8 p.m.
Acoustic jam at 8, electric jam at 9.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
WALLY CHRISTIAN, 4-7 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Blues Jam, 6 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m.
Cat Shirt Monday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TODD W'S, Niceville
ADAM EZRA GROUP, 7 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
THE MACHINE Performs Pink Floyd, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-10 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LA PAZ, Destin
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
STRUNG OUT, 6-9 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bonfire at the Beach

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 5:30 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 p.m.
"The Delta's Rockin' Countryboy"

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SANDOLLAR LOUNGE – WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

"Music helps."
- Sonny Rollins

PET OF THE ISSUE

Tyrion the Great Dane

Submitted by Jonathan Cheatwood

RIGHT: Tyrion has a severe issue with FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) and follows Mr. Cheatwood everywhere he goes.

"Tyrion loves stuffed animals and doesn't tear them up. Instead, he just carries them around with him," says Mr. Cheatwood.

Weighing in at roughly 150 pounds, Tyrion is truly a "Gentle Giant" that "loves to lie next to or on top of you," says Mr. Cheatwood. "He thinks he's small and is not afraid to try and fit into small places."

Tyrion with Zack Cheatwood and best doggo friend Romeo.

Submit your best friend for a future Pet of the Issue feature! Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com.**

Orange Bash on the Beach Jan. 14

Jessica Young *writes:*

Most of you know me as the owner of Asiago Catering and both Asiago Skillets. I was diagnosed with AML Leukemia this past January 2017. I wasn't given much hope at the local hospitals in Florida, so I decided I would go to MD Anderson in Houston, Texas. My father lives close by, so it just made sense.

We arrived about 6 a.m. the first day, I had tests all day and was admitted that night. They put me on an FDA-approved aggressive chemo treatment called CLIA. My hair fell out, and I got very sick.

After three months, they decided I needed to do a stem cell transplant ASAP. They found a perfect match for me, a 19-year-old male from overseas. I had my transplant on May 16, 2017.

I was in the hospital for over 30 days straight. Then I stayed in a medical apartment next to the hospital for another 60-plus days. The transplant was a success. My body accepted the donor cells, and I soon started to make my own blood and platelets again. And my blood type even changed to the donor's type. I did and still do have minimal GVHD. The hospital did a bone marrow biopsy and found zero cancer in my body after the transplant.

Unfortunately, when I came back to Texas the week before Thanksgiving for my six-month checkup, the bone marrow biopsy came back with 30 percent cancer in the marrow. I am actually writing this from a hospital bed in MD Anderson waiting on blood and platelet transfusions.

I will be admitted to start a clinical trial treatment plan, and once they are able to get the cancer back into remission, I will need to do another stem cell transplant. If you have a transplant with an active disease, and not in remission, the chances for relapse are great. The first one I did I had 21 percent active disease. This time, we will wait until I am in remission before we do another transplant.

I have told you all this to let everyone know how important this event is to me. I've had to wait hours upon hours for platelet transfusion because of shortages. I've seen other patients like myself that need a stem cell match for a transplant, but they haven't found one yet.

I was lucky. It's hard enough going through all this, but then to hear "We can't find you a match" makes me angry. That's why I am asking, begging, pleading for people to register to be a donor with Be the Match. It's just a cotton swab of your mouth to get you on the registry.

Orange Bash on the Beach will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on Okaloosa Island Sunday, **Jan. 14,** *from 1 to 5 p.m. in honor of Ms. Young and her continuing fight. The event triples as a blood drive, bone marrow and stem cell drive, and Leukemia awareness event. More at* **Facebook.com/BashOnTheBeach.**

Vacation Rental

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This ground floor two bedroom, two bathroom condo is located in a quiet family oriented complex just steps from 230 feet of private beach that has a gated entry. Chateau La Mer has two tennis courts, pool that is heated in winter, outdoor barbecue grills, large outdoor play areas for the kids and no through traffic.

The unit is beautifully tiled throughout, has a bright Florida room with a door that leads out to the lawn. Condo is equipped with 3 TVs, 2 VCRs, 1 DVD, Washer/Dryer, fully equipped kitchen as well as free high speed Internet.

Chateau is conveniently located to restaurants (one right across the street), shopping, golf, water sports and fishing.

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Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Jan. 25-Feb. 7 by 5 p.m. Thursday, **Jan. 18,** *or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email* **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11-SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 2018

BAYTOWNE ON ICE
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
BaytowneWharf.com
Dust off your skates, get in the winter spirit, and head on out to Baytowne's wildly popular ice rink.

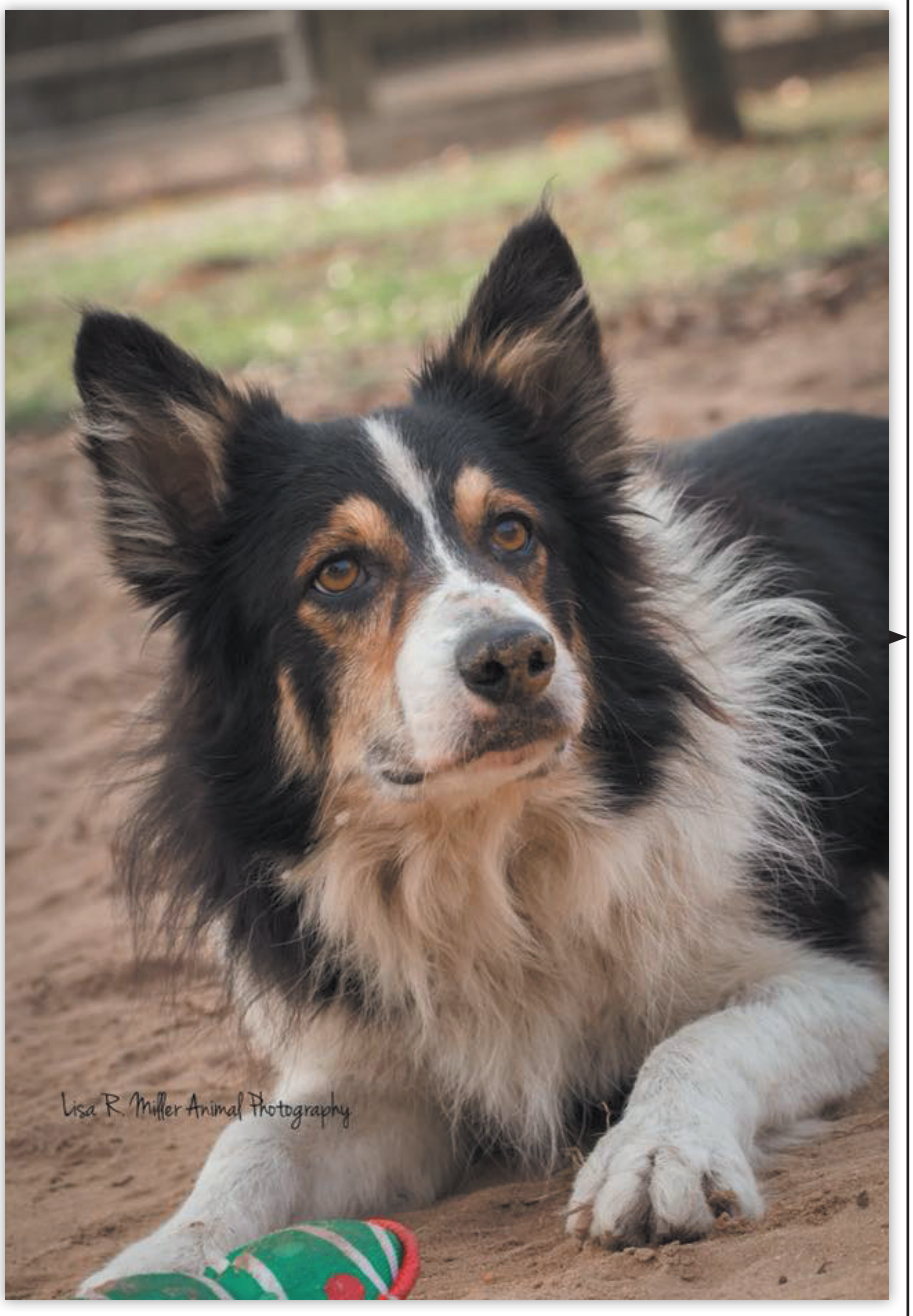
THURSDAY, JAN. 11

PUB POLL
World of Beer, Destin, 7 p.m.
Come play the fun new game everyone's talking about and win prizes.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

HISTORIAN HANK KLEIN
Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, Noon
850-678-2615

Mr. Klein tells the story of the old East Pass, the inlet from the Gulf of Mexico to Choctawhatchee Bay located in Destin. FREE. Limited seating, so call to reserve a spot. And bring a sandwich.



#AdoptDontShop... Hugh, a Alaqua Animal Refuge Pet of the Week. Meet your new best friend every weekend at beachcomberdestin.com.

Events

KIDS NIGHT OUT
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5:30 p.m.
850-664-1261
Hands-on activities, pizza and movies for ages 4-12. Cost is $30 per child ($25 for members), with $5 discount for additional siblings. Advanced registration required—call to reserve a spot.

WINTER GUEST FEST
Emerald Coast Convention Center, Okaloosa Island, 8 a.m.-Noon
Explore some of Beachcomberland's best and brightest vendors with samples and giveaways. Admission is $2.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

DOWNTOWN FORT WALTON BEACH FARMERS MARKET
Fort Walton Beach Landing Park, 8 a.m.
Support your local growers, bakers and artisans.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU, NEW RIDE!
Emerald Coast Harley-Davidson, Fort Walton Beach, Noon
Test ride any and every Harley you've been dreaming about and enjoy live music and FREE food.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 a.m.
www.SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

SUNDAY BREAKFAST
American Legion Post #235, Fort Walton Beach, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
This week's special is ham and cheese quiche.

SUNDAY FUNDAY
Emerald Coast Dragway, Holt, Noon-5 p.m.
Test-n-tune, fun runs, and grudge racing. Gates open at 10 a.m. Cost is $25 to race, $15 to watch—kids 12 and under FREE.

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, JAN. 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 9 a.m.
850-664-1261

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE/ MARCH
Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 8 a.m.
The march begins at the auditorium and ends at Fort Walton Beach High School.

TAI CHI
Destin Library, 9 a.m.
taichiforarthritis.com
One-hour class with certified instructor **Barbara Rezmer.** Cost is $5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

BOOK CLUB
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 6 p.m.
850-664-1261
This month's book is Hugh Aldersley-Williams' *Anatomies.* Drinks and light snacks will be provided.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

BALLROOM BINGO
American Legion Post #235, Fort Walton Beach 6-8:30 p.m.

GRAYTON BEER SPOTLIGHT
World of Beer, Destin, 11 a.m.
Come try some of the local brewery's popular brewskis.

PRIME TIME WITH HISTORIAN HANK KLEIN
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.
youseemore.com/walton
Mr. Klein talks about Shoals, the area we now know as Miramar Beach. Learn about the long lost cemetery and more.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

BLAST FROM THE PAST BIKE NIGHT
Emerald Coast Harley-Davidson, Fort Walton Beach, 6 p.m.
FREE food, live music and giveaways. Dress up from your favorite decade.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

WALTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2018 ANNUAL GALA
Hilton Sandestin Golf Resort & Spa, Miramar Beach
WaltonAreaChamber.com
Cocktails at 5 p.m. followed by the main event at 6. Highlights include the naming of the 2018 board of directors and awards presentation. Cost is $95 ($75 for individual Chamber members).

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

PENSACOLA WOMEN'S MARCH 2018
Plaza de Luna, Pensacola, 10 a.m.
This year's event highlights violence against

Kim Hope, executive director of Caring and Sharing of South Walton, and Café Thirty A owner Harriet Crommelin. The Santa Rosa Beach restaurant's December Christmas soiree raised over $22,000 for Caring and Sharing, and organization that provides food and financial assistance to area families and individuals in need.

Photo submitted by Mackenzie Amos.

Events

women, reproductive rights, LGBTQIA rights, voter rights, disability rights, immigrant rights and environmental justice.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 a.m.
www.SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

SUNDAY BREAKFAST
American Legion Post #235, Fort Walton Beach, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
This week's special is pecan praline French toast.

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

TAI CHI
Destin Library, 9 a.m.
taichiforarthritis.com
One-hour class with certified instructor **Barbara Rezmer.** Cost is $5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

PAINT NIGHT
Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6:30 p.m.
Plus great food, even better wine. Cost is $35 per person.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

BALLROOM BINGO
American Legion Post #235, Fort Walton Beach, 6-8:30 p.m.

PRIME TIME WITH LIFE COACH TOLLINY RANKINS
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.
youseemore.com/walton
Ms. Rankins, a certified life coach, consultant, and adjunct professor at Northwest Florida State College, is passionate about empowering others toward their destinies.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Sunday services—beach service at Henderson State Park, Destin, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); beach service on the Destin Harbor at Brotula's, 9:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); XALT at Destin Life Center, 200 Beach Drive, Destin, 9:30 a.m., Traditions at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary; sunset beach service at Henderson State Park, 4 p.m. (bring your own chair). 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 a.m. 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.**

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org.**

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or **www.shorelinechurch.net.**

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

Horsin' Around (and More) in Santa Rosa Beach

In Santa Rosa Beach, Arnett's Gulfside Farm & Stables is tucked just out of sight between busy Highway 98 and 30A.

"It is solitude," says marketing director **Jennifer Sundal.** "It can be the busiest day in the world around you, you've been stuck in traffic for seven hours, and go into that property and feel like you are in the middle of nowhere."

The working horse farm offers a wide range of activities but recently added music events to its impressive roster.

"First and foremost, it is a horse farm," says Sundal. "People can bring their horses and rent out one of the spots or trail ride." The rides are offered for all levels and are quite a treat, as the property is adjacent to Point Washington State Forest. Lead horse trainer Jackie Fisher is also available for private lessons for those who want to expand their equine knowledge.

Visitors are welcome on the property, even those who would like to take a look around and meet Frank, the friendly miniature donkey.

Hey, is that Ken and Andi Johnson on the Arnett's stage?

Most special events, including concerts, happen in the newest building dubbed the Tack Room. With tall ceilings and a 200-plus capacity, the space is adaptable for everything from rock bands to Sunday morning church services.

From 16 RV slips to weddings on the green, Arnett's Gulfside Farm & Stables has something for everyone. Most locals are familiar with the space, but it has only recently become available as an event venue.

"The law changed," says Sundal. "It is considered agri-tourism, and as a farm, states are looking at how farms are going to kind of redo what we are allowed to do on the property. Once that happened, and it's been over the course of the last couple of years, that has allowed us to do more things like weddings, concerts, festivals and community events."

Those events include the annual Pumpkin Festival which approaches its eighth year this fall, and Christmas events like carriage rides in Grand Boulevard and Santa's horse-drawn arrival in Gulf Place.

Arnett's Gulfside Farm & Stables owners Tom and Karen Arnett are working towards unveiling other changes this spring, including concerts every Friday, a Sunday Farmers Market, even a name change to 30A Horse Farm. Through the remaining winter months, sporadic concerts are scheduled as the facility sets its eyes on growth.

"The response has made us want to do things," says Sundal. "We feel like we are on the right track based on the response from the community."

Discover more at **ArnettFarm30A.com.**

Beachcomberland Places

ANTIQUES

DE FRANCE ANTIQUES & FLEA MKT. with over 80+ vendors, lots of unique items to choose from. 230 S.E. Eglin Pkwy. 850-314-7500.

SMITH'S ANTIQUES MALL & INTERIORS MARKET 25,000 sq. ft. and 94 vetted dealers have made Smith's the favorite with decorators, locals and tourists for over 20 years. Voted Best of the Emerald Coast for 14 consecutive years, Finest on the Emerald Coast, and Best in Destin… need we say more? Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 12500 Emerald Coast Parkway, Miramar Beach (near Silver Sands). 850-654-1484. **www.smithsantiquesmall.com.**

EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. **www.ecscience.org.**

FARMERS MARKETS

30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. **www.regattabay.com.**

SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB Referred to as the "Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle" by *Golf* Magazine, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. **www.santarosaclub.com.**

MARINE PARKS/ AQUARIUMS

GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK Delight in watching dolphins leap and sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful Gulf views. Open daily at 9 a.m. 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. **www.gulfarium.com.**

MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and military and $3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

MUSIC STORES

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, old-growth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk,or enjoy a quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (non-heated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. **www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.**

TUMBLING, ETC.

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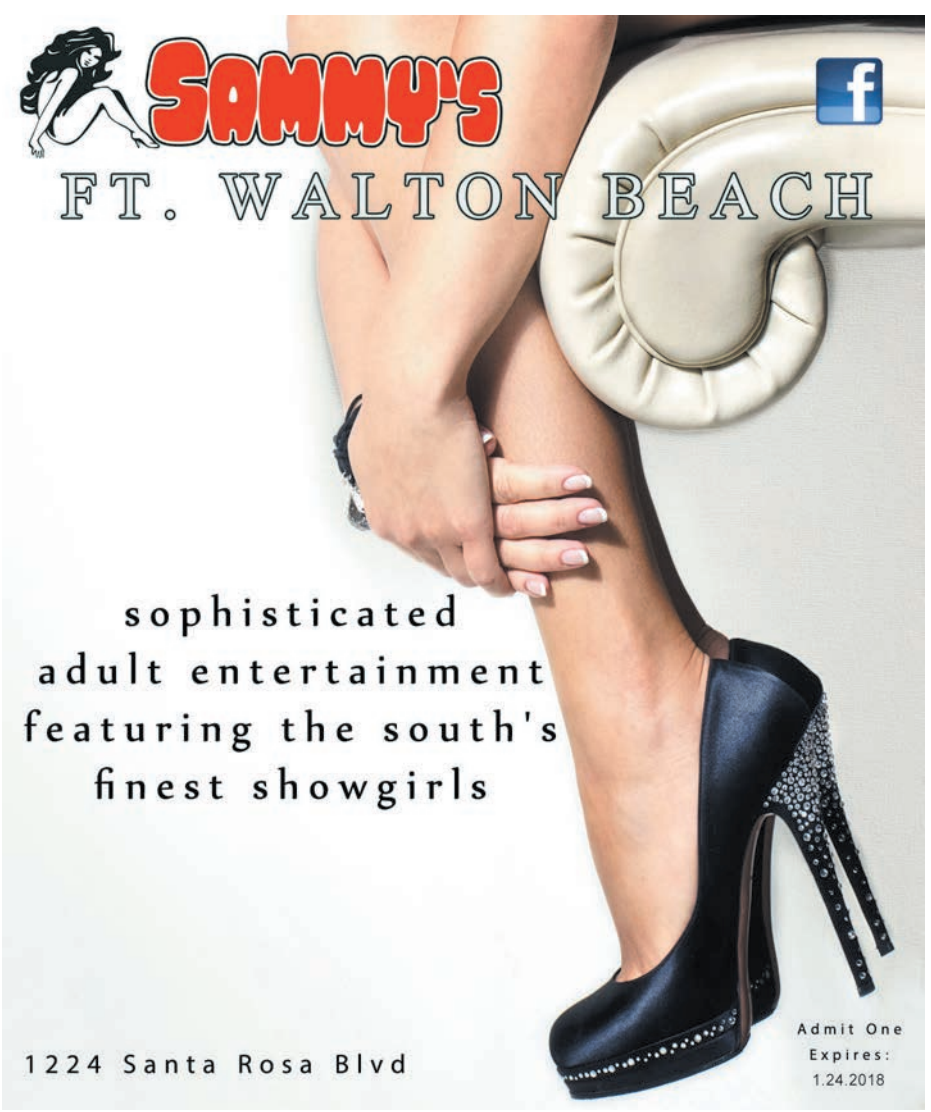


Shalimar Library Turns Another Page

By Alita Feek

Shalimar, a small enclave between Fort Walton Beach and Eglin Air Force Base, is a sleepy residential area. It has a few restaurants and some retail, but not much else. So you can imagine my surprise when I found the Shalimar Library. It's a quaint, independently funded library that runs on donated bric-a-brac, $15 annual memberships, and a whole lot of love. "Hidden gem" is an overused cliché, but in this instance, it absolutely fits.

I discovered the Shalimar Library upon moving here in 2016. As a librarian who is also a military spouse, my first task when relocating—after getting the lights and water turned on—is to join the local library. Finding the Shalimar Library was a fantastic surprise. Back then, it occupied a tiny log cabin behind the Aegean restaurant just off Eglin Parkway, with a small thrift shop next door that helped fund library operations. Wandering into the cabin was like stepping back in time, with the wood paneling and nooks and crannies stuffed with books and magazines.

The children's area at the Shalimar Library.

In 2015, the property changed hands and their lease was not renewed, so the library had to find a new home. In January of 2017, it opened in a brand new building near the intersection of Eglin Parkway and Richbourg Avenue. "We went 21 years in the old location," muses **Dan Brown,** current President of the Friends of the Shalimar Library. "Two years ago, we began searching for a new home and found this location. We've been extremely fortunate with the people, the volunteers, the contractors, the timing—everything."

Finding the new site was even more special than anyone had anticipated, because one corner of the lot is the final resting place of Gus Tart. Born into slavery in 1840, Tart was from South Carolina, believed to have fought for the Union, and eventually made his way to the Florida Panhandle, dying in 1915.

Volunteers Brenda Philpott and Dodie Edwards in the Shalimar Library thrift shop.

Brown explains that Tart was known as a local hunting and fishing expert. "And he was renowned in Pensacola as a fishing guide." The Shalimar Library planned the site very carefully, wanting to "make sure he was recognized," Brown says, and they succeeded nicely. The corner is fenced off, and a new headstone honors Tart's memory.

The library itself was designed by volunteer **Allen Hemmer**, who happens to be a retired architectural engineer. The new building houses the library in one of half and the thrift shop in the other. Hemmer explains, "I drew up plans based on different locations and went through five or six different layouts. What you see is all custom for here."

All the books, painstakingly hauled down Eglin Parkway in liquor boxes and plastic crates, now fit in one area, and there's plenty of room to grow. Spacious and modern, the building is a perfect union of form and function. It is the same charming place, but with much more room. Most special of all is the children's area. Kids get their very own space with child-sized furniture and plenty of books. It's bright, cheerful, and fun.

And then there is the thrift shop, which Brown says "barely paid its way at the old place, but here it's going well. Use of the thrift shop has gone up substantially." It's easy to see why. The old shop was tiny and hard to navigate. Now the whole place is bright and airy. From kids' toys to golf clubs—and of course, used books—there are treasures for everyone.

According to volunteer **Anne Fowler,** "Everything for sale is generously donated by the community. We appreciate all donations, although we can't accept large items such as furniture."

When I ask **Dodie Edwards**, a volunteer since 2004, what items sell best, she promptly points at a nearby table and says, "The one-dollar table. That, and bric-a-brac." Edwards is a retired teacher, and she laughs when asked how she got involved. "I've always liked going junking—yard sales, that kind of thing, so when a neighbor suggested this place, the rest was history."

Recommended Reading

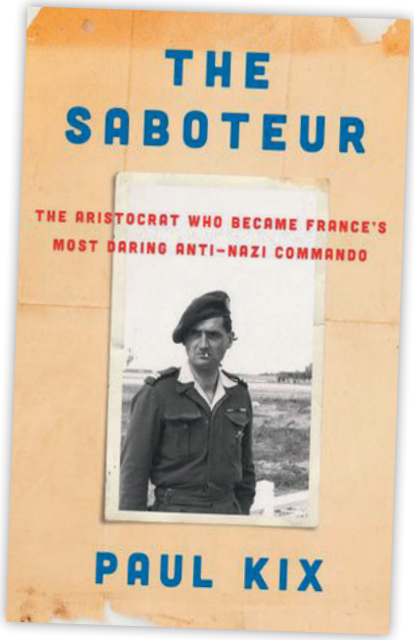
Paul Kix

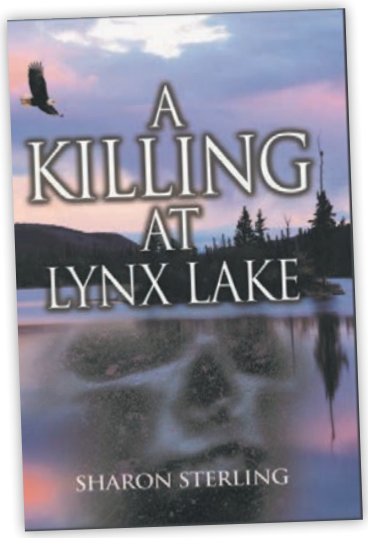
The Saboteur

Harper

The more time that passes between now and World War II, the more it shifts from history into a romanticized mist. One reason is the yearly release of nonfiction accounts of small corners of the war, and of extraordinary, real-life individual exploits. *The Saboteur* is the story of Robert de La Rochefoucauld, a French aristocrat who escaped the German occupation, trained in England, and returned to raise hell and resistance to the Nazis. His exploits (at age 19) earned him a legendary reputation, along with capture, torture and numerous scrapes with death. Ian Fleming had to have met this guy.

- Bruce Collier





Sharon Sterling

A Killing at Lynx Lake

Changing Lines Press LLC

An innocent woman is brutally murdered in the picturesque old west town of Prescott, Arizona, in this thriller. Psychotherapist Allie Davis is drawn into the mystery, which has numerous suspects including Davis herself. She teams with her friend Kim and Kim's rescue dog to track down the killer. A deadly confrontation erupts between the players, local wildlife and the search and rescue dog in a conclusion that takes the reader by surprise. Prescott's Lynx Lake, Watson Woods, and world-famous Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University are action venues in this fast-paced drama.

Local author Sterling is a psychiatric social worker and former resident of Arizona. A *Killing at Lynx Lake* is the third book in her Arizona Thriller Trilogy. This one, along with the first two books in the trilogy, are available from Amazon and locally at Sundog Books in Seaside and The Hidden Lantern in Rosemary Beach.

- Ron Larsen

Upcoming Books

JAN. 16

Cait Flanders, ***The Year of Less: How I Stopped Shopping, Gave Away My Belongings, and Discovered Life Is Worth More Than Anything You Can Buy in a Store***

David Frum, ***Trumpocracy: The Corruption of the American Republic***

David Cay Johnston, ***It's Even Worse Than You Think: What the Trump Administration Is Doing to America***

Ijeoma Oluo, ***So You Want to Talk About Race***

Preston & Child, ***City of Endless Night.*** Agent Pendergast series.

Fred Sokulow, ***Masters of the Mandolin: 130 of the Greatest Bluegrass and Newgrass Solos.*** Paperback.

Together We Rise – The Women's March: Behind the Scenes at the Protest Heard Around the World

JAN. 23

Karen Cleveland, ***Need to Know***

Christine Feehan, ***Judgment Road.*** Paperback.

Kyndra D. Holley, ***Craveable Keto: Your Low-Carb, High-Fat Roadmap to Weight Loss and Wellness.*** Paperback.

Michael D. Leinbach and Jonathan H. Ward, ***Bringing Columbia Home: The Untold Story of a Lost Space Shuttle and Her Crew***

John Leland, ***Happiness Is a Choice You Make: Lessons from a Year Among the Oldest Old***

Jordan B. Peterson, ***12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos***

Danielle Steel, ***Fall from Grace***

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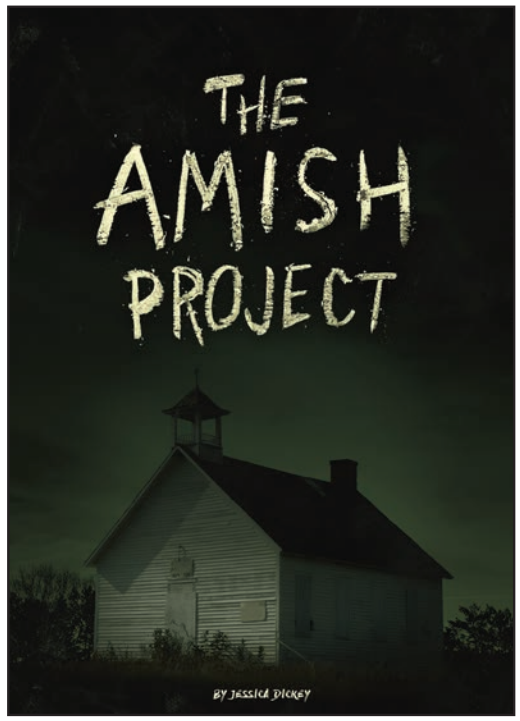

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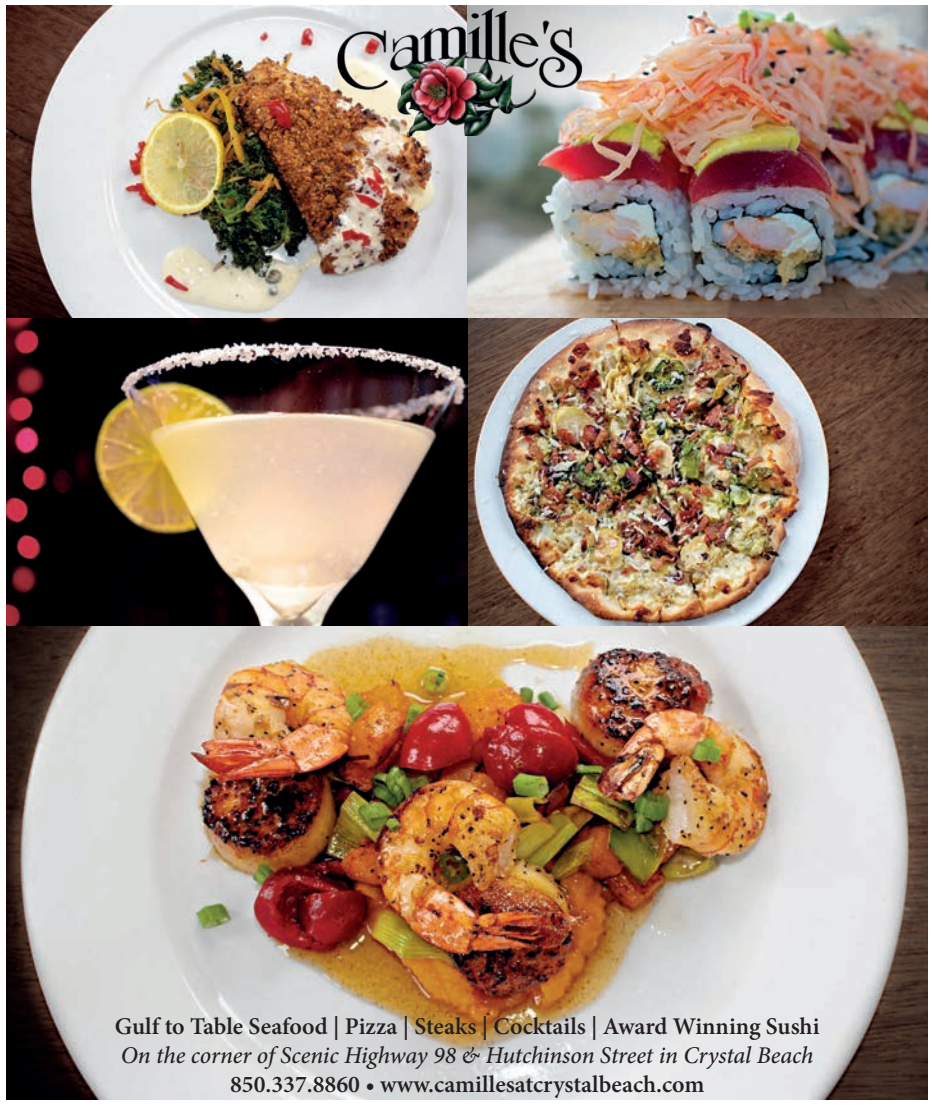

The Best Films of 2017

By Dr. David C. Simmons

1. *Call Me By Your Name.* My favorite film of the year is a poetic rumination on how to process the mystery of love. It's also as sensually juicy as a sun-ripened peach. Elio (the intense Timothee Chalamet) is a 17-year-old who becomes enamored of his professor-father's older grad student, Oliver (the breezy Armie Hammer) who is living with the family for a few weeks in the summer to help with archaeological research. Director Luca Guadagnino's compositional space is as brilliant as the summer Italian sun, highlighting the closeness/separateness of Elio and Oliver (who symbolically share near inverse three-syllable names) as their relationship evolves. Make sure you stay through the closing credits for a devastating final shot.
Opens in local theaters Jan. 19.

2. *The Shape of Water.* Sally Hawkins gives the performance of the year as Elisa Esposito, a non-talking woman who shares so much feeling with just her eyes. Elisa finds love and understanding in the form of the captured Amphibian Man (Doug Jones—no relation), an "other" who represents systemically oppressed groups (like Octavia Spencer's Zelda and Richard Jenkins' gay neighbor, Giles) in this xenophobic, militaristic society of early 1960s.
In theaters now.

3. *Frantz*. Another beautiful film by Francois Ozon, which, like his masterpiece *In the House*, wrestles with the notion of how narratives discover deeper truths. In 1919, a Frenchman named Adrien (Pierre Niney) comes to Germany to visit the grave of Frantz, whom he met during World War I. While there, he discovers Anna (Paula Beer), who had been engaged to Frantz before his untimely death. The two begin a friendship that comforts, while it complicates. Meanwhile, the town struggles with this "enemy" among them.
On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming, FREE on Amazon Prime.

4. *Dunkirk.* A creatively unusual visual and aural (re)presentation of the evacuation of British soldiers off the French coast of Dunkirk during World War II by mostly ordinary British citizens. Christopher Nolan's camera keeps us sutured closely with his protagonists, yet we are coolly kept from identifying too closely with them through the screenplay, which flashes between four different time periods (from the point of view of soldiers, officers, airmen and civilian boatmen), and contains very little dialogue or backstory on any of them. Hans Zimmer's score, which is founded on a ticking clock with slowly increasing tempo, adds to the constantly growing anxiety.
On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.

5. *Lady Bird.* A funny and poignant coming-of-age/end-of-the-nest comedy-drama from bittersweet writer-director Greta Gerwig. "Lady Bird" is the given name of Christine McPherson, meaning, she explains, "the name I gave to myself." She wrestles with the notion of identity while attempting to navigate the whitewater waves of her senior year of high school, including performing in Sondheim's *Merrily We Roll Along* (highs) and having discouraging experiences while dating a couple of boys (lows). Meanwhile, she tries to discern which is more valuable—popularity, friendship, or family? Saoirse Ronan as Lady Bird and Laurie Metcalf as her mother are both extraordinary in their roles.
In theaters now. Available on DVD/Blu-ray and streaming services in February.

6. *A Ghost Story.* A film unlike any you've ever seen before—we identify with a ghost in a sheet. Rather than being a horror film, however, it's actually an artful meditation on love, grief, relationships, letting go and moving on, time, space, causality, and, ultimately, our place in the cosmos. It was shot in 1:1.33 aspect ratio, which evokes meaningful old home movies, forgotten memories you long to remember, or a nostalgia for the past. Be ready through—ghost time is different than our time. Sometimes time seems interminably slow (as when we watch one character languidly consume an entire pie in one shot), and other times it goes so quickly, it takes a moment for us to catch up.
On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.

7. *Coco.* Gorgeous animation meets an innovative and moving script about a young boy, Miguel, who enters the world of the dead on Dia de Muertos, seeking not only his dream of becoming a musician, but a chance to reconcile with his family who opposes it.
In theaters now.

8. *Detroit.* A film so troubling, violent, and topical that it will remain with you for days. It depicts the night of July 25-26, 1967, during the 12th Street Riot in Detroit, where two white women and seven black men were beaten or murdered at the hands of a few sociopathic members of the Detroit Police Department and National Guard. This too-frequently occurring systemic problem of state-legitimized racial violence is not merely an aberration of the 1960s, but continues, unabated in our day (hence, the unwavering need for **#blacklivesmatter**).
On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.

9. *I, Tonya.* A funny, quirky, clever film that provides insight into the Tonya Harding story you never knew you wanted to know. Allison Janney gives the funniest performance of the year as LaVona Golden, Tonya's unempathetic mother. Margot Robbie is remarkable as Tonya, especially during an extended close-up where she weeps while applying ghoulish-looking blush to her face in an attempt to look pretty before an Olympic event. No matter how much she tries to cover herself up, she still remains trapped in her violent, lower-class upbringing.
Opens in local theaters this month.

10. *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri.* A pitch-black exploration of the existential angst inherent in an unjust society. Without God, or a divine plan, or any meaning to this world, should we be the ones to use violence to solve problems and issue justice? Martin McDonagh's clever script and beautiful direction capture Frances McDormand's sublime performance as Mildred, a tough-as-steel woman who pays for

STREAM ON

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel

Amazon

The Amazon Prime lineup might be some of the most underrated programming offered by a streaming service. Case in point—*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, a new original series from the Palladino team of *Gilmore Girls* fame. Set in 1958 New York, this award-winning series is a visual charmer with retro sets and vintage wardrobe. And it shines with stars like Rachel Brosnahan (*House of Cards*) and Tony Shaulhoub (*Monk*). The show revolves around Midge, who leads an idyllic life complete with a perfect marriage, beautiful home and two children—one boy and one girl, of course. Then, out of the blue, her perfect world comes crashing down in a most imperfect fashion. A newly single mother, Midge suddenly finds herself in immediate need of a job, so she leaves behind the perfect world of mid-century housewifery and right before our eyes morphs into a potty-mouthed, wisecracking standup comedian. Sound a little crazy? It is. And it's also very entertaining.

- Joni Williams

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

JAN. 12

The Commuter. Liam Neeson, Elizabeth McGovern, Jonathan Banks, Patrick Wilson.
Paddington 2. Brendan Gleeson, Hugh Grant, Imelda Staunton, Jim Broadbent, Julie Walters, Sally Hawkins.
Proud Mary. Taraji P. Henson, Danny Glover, Margaret Avery.

JAN. 19

Den of Thieves. 50 Cent, Gerard Butler, Lweis tan, Oleg Taktarov.
Mary and the Witch's Flower. A delightful animated adventure in the tradition of Hayao Miyazaki.
12 Strong. Chris Hemsworth, Navid Negahban, Michael Shannon.

Source: www.metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

JAN. 16

Better Call Saul – Season 3. Bob Odenkirk, Jonathan Banks, Michael McKean.
Blade Runner 2049. Ryan Gosling, Harrison Ford, Robin Wright, Jared Leto.
Loving Vincent. Aidan Turner, Saoirse Ronan, Chris O'Dowd.

JAN. 23

The Killing of a Sacred Deer. Colin Farrell, Nicole Kidman, Barry Keoghan.
Thank You for Your Service. Miles Teller, Haley Bennett, Amy Schumer.
The Woman Who Left. Charo Santos-Concio, John Lloyd Cruz, Kakai Bautista.

Source: www.metacritic.com

three billboards to remind Sheriff Willoughby (Woody Harrelson) that his office hasn't solved the crime of her murdered daughter. Sam Rockwell's performance is right up there with hers, as the troubled Officer Dixon whose small-town, conservative upbringing hasn't allowed him to see the grays in a world he thought was black and white.
Available on DVD/Blu-ray and streaming Feb. 27.

HONORABLE MENTION

Star Wars: The Last Jedi. In theaters now.
Get Out. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.
Molly's Game. In theaters now.
Mudbound. On Netflix.
Beatriz at Dinner. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.
Baby Driver. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.
Victoria and Abdul. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.
All the Money in the World. In theaters now.
Blade Runner 2049. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming Jan. 16.
mother! On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.
Marshall. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.
The Big Sick. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming, FREE on Amazon Prime.
The Beguiled. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.
The Wound. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming.
A Quiet Passion. On DVD/Blu-ray and streaming, FREE on Amazon prime.

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

NIKI CARO'S "THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE"
Destin Library, 2 p.m.
Jessica Chastain in the extraordinary true story of terror and heroism among the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo, who helped save hundred of people and animals during the German invasion. Presented by the Friend's Guild of the Destin Library, Inc. FREE and open to the public. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

MARK SPANO'S "REIMAGINING SICILY"
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 11 a.m.
Filmmaker and Escape to Create Artist in Residence Mark Spano explores Sicily's cultural and historic relevance as "the most (frequently) invaded place on the planet." The island's story rivals both Greece and Egypt as a primary source for Western ideas. Few of Europe's more popularized regions compare to Sicily for a story of authentic human struggle, for the presence of cultural icons, and for the significance of so many important historical sites. *Reimagining Sicily* explores history, family, religion, arts and culture and their effects on the people of Sicily. Escape to Create programmer Marsha Dowler will serve light sandwiches and antipasti. Reservations are recommended by calling Linda at 850-267-2809.

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A Holiday Visit to the Big Easy

By Samantha Lambert

It had been 42 years since I had been to New Orleans. In the interim, I graduated from college, moved to Virginia, started teaching, got married, and had two sons. Upon retirement, my husband and I moved back to Fort Walton Beach, along with my now-grown sons and 85-year-old mother.

My husband is a native New Yorker and a lifelong Jets fan. When we saw that the Jets were playing the Saints in New Orleans, we planned a trip to see the game. My husband and oldest son had never been to New Orleans. We went with some good friends of ours who are huge Saints fans.

We arrived in town on a Saturday in the early afternoon. New Orleans is so easy to get to from FWB—pretty much a straight shot on I-10. We checked into the Hyatt Regency New Orleans on Loyola Avenue, which is right by the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. We were all hungry and headed out for lunch. We tried the famous Willa Jean's, first but it was over an hour wait.

Instead, we went next door to **Aglio's Neighborhood Grill and Bar.** They had a great selection of sandwiches. I had the Tina Marie on Cubano bread, which had a ton of roast beef inside. The others chose the Godfather with meatballs on a sesame hoagie roll and the Uncle BB Sammy filled with hot ham and cheese on a black brioche roll. We all raved about our sandwiches.

From there we took a Lyft to Bourbon Street. We started out at the famous Pat O'Brien's and then headed into **The Funky Pirate Bar**. It was small place but had great atmosphere. From there we stopped in at the **Huge A.. Beer Bar** where they serve beer in very large glasses shaped like a person's backside. We ran into lots of Jets and Saints fans there.

Along the way, we stopped at **Willie's Chicken Shack** for a quick snack and then moved on to **The Famous Door**, established in 1934. There was a great band playing everything from Steppenwolf and Led Zeppelin to Journey.

Everywhere you turn on Bourbon Street there are vendors selling items and street kids beating their five-gallon bucket drums. These kids look like they range in age from 8 to 14. Some played more than one bucket and had extra buckets for tips. A little research into these street kids found that this is a century-old tradition. Most of the kids are not homeless but in need of extra money for themselves or their families.

On Sunday we enjoyed a breakfast buffet with our friends at the **8 Block Kitchen and Bar** at the Hyatt. It had a continental breakfast as well as lunch specials. We then donned our Jets and Saints gear and headed over to the Superdome, a quick walk from the hotel. Our seats were up in the nosebleed section, but we had a good view of the game. Food is not cheap at the Superdome, but we didn't expect it to be. The Saints defeated the Jets 31-19.

After the game we headed back to the hotel and stopped at **Vitascope Hall,** a sports bar located in the Hyatt. It's named after the world's first movie theater built in New Orleans in 1896. It has a high-tech entertainment system and over 55 flat-screen TVs, plus food and cocktail specials. We also ate dinner there. Most of the group had the fried shrimp po'boy which they all loved. I had the grilled 12-ounce New York Strip with garlic mushrooms, caramelized onions, and mashed potatoes. It was delicious.

On our way out of town Monday morning, we had to stop at the famous **Café du Monde** for beignets and coffee. Beignets were brought to Louisiana by the Acadians. These were fried fritters, sometimes filled with fruit. Today, the beignet is a square piece of dough, fried and covered with powdered sugar.

The coffee is the Café du Monde Coffee and Chicory, developed by the French during their Civil War. Coffee was scarce during the war, and the Acadians found that chicory added body and flavor to the coffee. Both the beignets and the coffee were fabulous.

As for the nickname "The Big Easy," it came about due to a Louisiana reporter comparing the easygoing way of life in New Orleans to the hurried pace of life in New York City. Our weekend was jam-packed and anything but the Big Easy. Life stays pretty busy and active in New Orleans.

EC Theatre Company Presents One-Woman Tour de Force

Emerald Coast Theatre Company continues its fifth anniversary season with the gripping one-woman docudrama *The Amish Project* **Jan. 18-28** at 560 Grand Boulevard (upstairs) in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin.

Conceived in the wake of the 2006 school shootings in the Amish community of Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania, Jessica Dickey's fictional exploration of a real life tragedy allows us to glimpse into the world of Amish culture and come to grips with the true limits of compassion and forgiveness.

Praised by *The New York Times* as "extraordinary," this tour-de-force features a single actress playing a host of characters in an Amish community devastated by a terrible tragedy.

Kristin Devine stars in Emerald Coast Theatre Company's THE AMISH PROJECT this month.

Nathanael Fisher directs, and the show stars Kristin Devine, who appeared on ECTC's stage last fall in *Constellations*. Her other credits include *A Chorus Line, Gypsy, The Drowsy Chaperone* with Pat Sajak at Connecticut Repertory Theatre, *Henry V* at Delaware Shakespeare, *My Fair Lady* with the Quintessence Theatre Group, and *Love's Labour's Lost.*

Set and lighting design is by Cory Tucker, with costume design by Anna Fisher and stage management by Bridgett Bryant.

"As a community, I feel that it is imperative to take a moment and consider what so many other communities have had to face. We consider the challenges and, more importantly, we consider what recovery looks like," says Mr. Fisher.

The show opens Thursday, Jan. 18. Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinees Jan. 21 and 28. Tickets are $28 for adults, $24 for seniors, and $20 for students. Due to mature content, this production is appropriate for ages 13 and up.

Theater patrons are encouraged to come early (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) to browse artwork by local artists showcased in the ECTC Lobby Gallery curated by Lori Drew, founder of Lowkylzart. A portion of proceeds from each sale benefits ECTC and its education outreach and scholarship programs.

This is the third offering of the 2017-18 season, which continues with A.R. Gurney's romantic comedy *Sylvia* Feb. 15-March 4.

To make a tax-deductible donation, volunteer, or learn more about Emerald Coast Theatre Company, find them on Facebook, call 850-684-0323, or visit **EmeraldCoastTheatre.org**.

- Zandra Wolfgram

Stage > Upcoming Shows

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE AMISH PROJECT"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 p.m.
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org
Kristin Devine stars in Jessica Dickey's acclaimed fictional exploration of Amish culture. Recommended for ages 13 and up. Tickets are $28 for adults, $24 for seniors, and $20 for students. Purchase online or call 850-684-0323.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

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560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JAN. 20

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Elks Lodge, Okaloosa Island
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EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE AMISH PROJECT"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 7:30 p.m.
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

Heidi Best-Swift, Ken Olson and whatshisname in Act4Mystery's BEBOPPED AT THE SOCK HOP. ***Photo by Michael Loftis.***

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE AMISH PROJECT"
560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs, Miramar Beach, 2 p.m.
EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

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	Moon	12%		
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	Moon	19%	Low	9:17pm
1.23	Sunrise	6:41am	TIDES	
	Sunset	5:15pm	High	1:02am
	Moon	28%	High	5:03pm
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FRESH SEAFOOD?

One of the first questions people ask when they visit our area is
"How can we be sure we're getting fresh seafood?"

That's an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as "fresh" and imported seafood is sold as "local." According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

Harbor Docks has been selling fish through its wholesale market since 1981. We sell to markets across the United States and Canada. We also sell to select restaurants along the Gulf Coast. Harbor Docks contracts with over 100 commercial boats to insure that we have an adequate supply of fresh fish.

We invite you to dine at our restaurants – Harbor Docks, in the heart of Destin, and Camille's, overlooking the Gulf in Crystal Beach. But we'd also encourage you to try any of the wonderful, independent, local restaurants in our area that are committed to serving Florida seafood. We know who they are, because we sell them their fish.

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Check our website to find out which restaurants sell certified Gulf-to-Table fish from Harbor Docks Seafood Market.

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Snapper and Tuna stats: http://oceana.org/en/news-media/publications/reports/oceana-study-reveals-seafood-fraud-nationwide
Imported seafood stat: http://www.fishwatch.gov/farmed_seafood/outside_the_us.htm
Tilapia/pig feces: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-10-11/asian-seafood-raised-on-pig-feces-approved-for-u-s-consumers.html

A Cozy Spot for Food and Wine in Shalimar

Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar sits in a small shopping center on a busy stretch of Eglin Pkwy. Outside, it's clean and rather spare in appearance. Inside is a welcome contrast. It was a chill and drizzly day. I had to eat solo because lunch was my only option, and my wife and daughter (the Tiny Diner) were not available. Lucky for me, the menu is pretty much the same all day, except for a few evening-only entrees. The weather could have made for a dreary meal, minus my wife and TD, but I was reassured when I stepped into the restaurant.

My first thought was that it looked like a tea salon. There are tables and chairs of all kinds, mixed and matched, cushioned loveseats and a comfy-looking armchair. The aquamarine walls are decorated with framed photos and prints, and there are sturdy cabinets and shelves. A bar runs along part of the left side of the dining area. It's all warm and inviting. One of the staff invited me to sit wherever I liked, gave me a menu and left me to study. It was late in the lunch hour, but there were still a few lingering diners. A larger group (an arts board meeting) dropped in and were made comfortable at a long table.

As the name indicates, Twisted Grape pairs food with wine (and beer). There are meat and cheese plates, salads, small plates, panini, and flatbreads, many inspired by the Italian or Mediterranean kitchen. Charcuterie, cheese, bread and fruit feature prominently, robust flavors and contrasting textures designed to accompany all that fermented juice. Since I was driving, I had to forego anything stronger than tea, but even if you aren't indulging, you can still enjoy your meal.

I started with an appetizer I had never tried before, a small plate of bacon jam with crackers. I'm not sure what goes into bacon jam (aside from bacon), but the warm, coarse-grained spread (or dip, if you prefer) manages to be salty, savory, sweet and tart all at once, a meat course with its own sauce.

Other small plates and starters include pimento cheese, shrimp and crab parmesan dip, bruschetta, and bread with seasoned olive oil. There's a customizable meat and cheese plate - prosciutto, pepperoni, soppressata, Black Forest ham, Genoa salami, chorizo, mozzarella, smoked gouda, cheddar, Manchego, goat cheese and Brie, in any combination you desire. There are mixed green or tomato salads with cheese and/or meats, chicken salad, and a daily soup.

For my main course I chose something to dine in, and something to go for my wife. I ordered myself an Italian Stallion panini, which comes with a side salad. To go, I got a flatbread—Goats in Pajamas.

My panini showed up on time. The Stallion features soppressata, Genoa salami, ham, blue cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion, served hot and melted. It packs a substantial, meaty punch (like its namesake), and the blue cheese adds a nice salty bite. The salad, with vinaigrette, was dressed with shavings of parmesan.

Other panini include apple, Brie and ham, caprese with tomato and basil, a bacon jam BLT, and chicken salad, all with salads on the side.

Goats in Pajamas conjures up any number of images, but I was happy with what I saw and sampled it with my wife later in the day. The flatbread is covered with bacon, goat cheese, fig marmalade, and mixed greens, with a drizzle of balsamic vinegar. A little time in the oven pulls it all together—creamy, crunchy, sweet and tart, part sandwich, part pizza.

Other flatbread options are Farmers Table (bacon and goat cheese), Twisted Grape (Manchego cheese), margherita (tomato, basil and mozzarella), pepperoni, four cheese, Twisted Pig (ham, gouda, mustard), and bratwurst (with sauerkraut). If you're headed back to the fields after lunch, there's a Ploughman's Platter with apple and orange slices, cheddar, ham, bread, bacon jam, fig preserves, pickles and mustard. After 5 p.m. is a "Zingouda" burger, lasagna and a nightly special.

The menu lists four desserts—goat cheese and local honey rolled in pecans, chocolate truffles, cheesecake and Moroccan cinnamon orange wheels. I got the latter to go. Basically, it's sliced oranges dusted with cinnamon—tasty, although I guess I was expecting some kind of pastry.

Twisted Grape offers a list of wines to pair with food, wine-themed gifts, live music on weekends, and a calendar of events on its website. You needn't wait for a rainy day.

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR

1193B Eglin Parkway
Shalimar
850-651-5100

Hours: Open Mon.-Thu., 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri., 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat., 5-10 p.m.

Reservations: Accepted

Children's Menu: Can accommodate.

Dress: Casual

Come into the Twisted Grape for a warm and cozy sit-down with your favorite wine or beer, paired with a vino-friendly menu. Choose from salads, meat and cheese plates, small plates, panini and flatbreads. Eat light or go robust with the Italian Stallion panini, lasagna or a Ploughman's Platter. Live music on weekends, special events. Wine and beer. $5-15.

OAA Wine Tasting at Twisted Grape

Join the Okaloosa Art Alliance (OAA) Sunday, **Jan. 21,** from 2 to 4 p.m. for a Wine Tasting at The Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar in Shalimar.

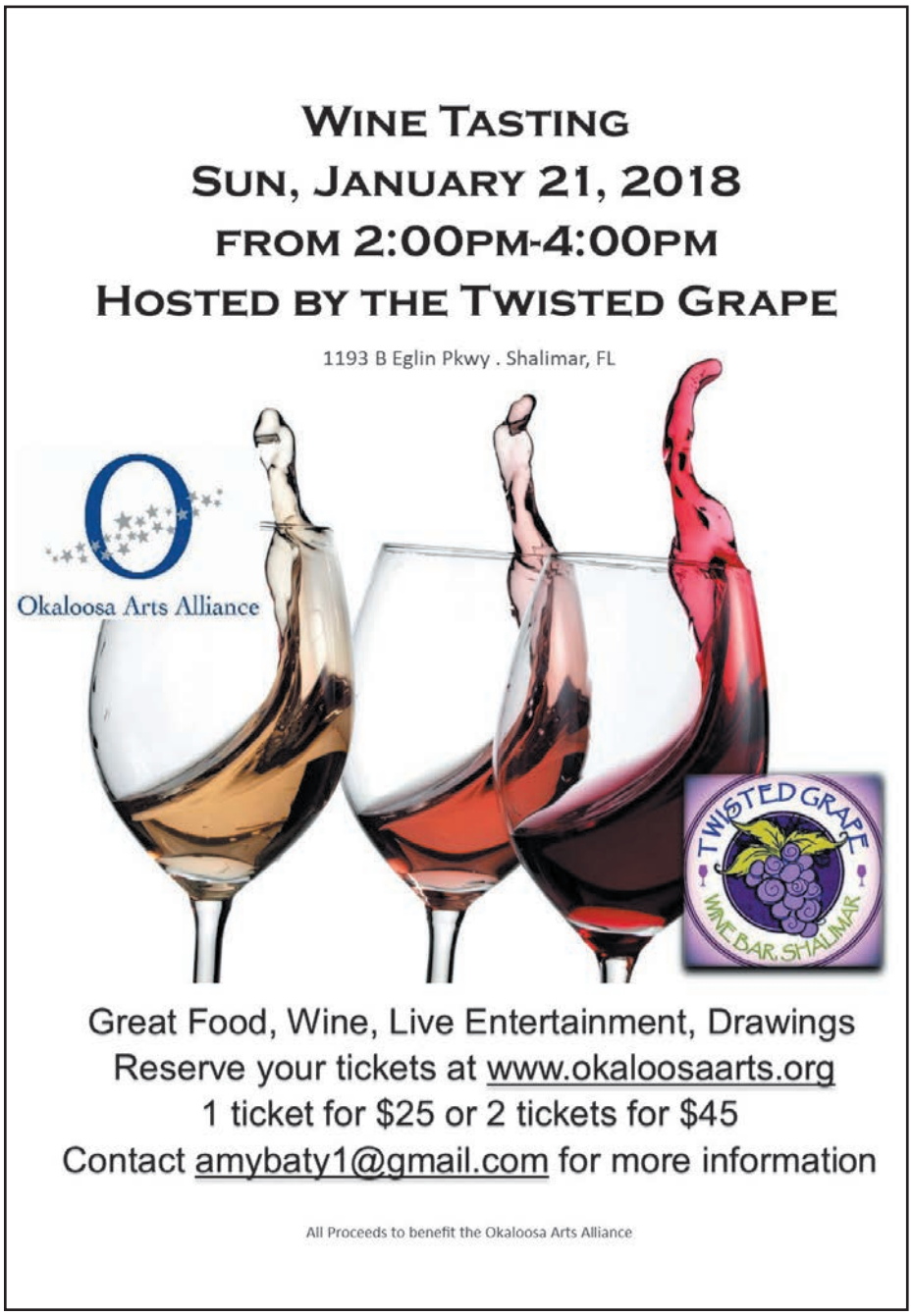
Guests will enjoy wine and food, live entertainment, and drawings for chances to win tickets to upcoming events. Entertainment includes Fort Walton Beach High School Drama Club, Emerald Coast Barbershop Singers, and Emerald Coast Pipes and Drums. Drawings will include tickets to upcoming events at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center in Niceville, Emerald Coast Theatre Company, and Sinfonia Gulf Coast.

Tickets are $25 each or two for $45, and include five wine tastings and food. Purchase online at **OkaloosaArts.org,** email **amybaty1@gmail.com,** or call 850-499-8335.

The Okaloosa Arts Alliance (OAA) is the officially designated nonprofit arts agency for Okaloosa County with the mission of supporting and promoting art and culture in Okaloosa County. The OAA enhances the cultural environment of its community, and promotes, coordinates, and nurtures high quality arts and cultural resources that enrich the lives of residents and visitors.

The OAA is supported in part by the Florida Department of State and from Arts auto license tag revenues but could not exist without its members and community support.

- Amy Baty-Herbert



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If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at **chris@beachcomberdestin.com!**

AMERICAN

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. $3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. **www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.**

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. $2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, ragulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French creampuffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. New location in Destin! 300 Harbor Blvd., 850-424-4160. **www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet**.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. **www.tommymattonies.com.**

BURGERS

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

HOG'S BREATH CAFE A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" **www.hogsbreath.com/destin.**

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;

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Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, $5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit **www.reddsfuel.com** and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. $8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, $4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. **www.theredbar.com.**

VIN'TIJ Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. $5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a..-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, **georgesatalysbeach.net.**

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 p.m. 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

BUD & ALLEY'S TACO BAR Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. **BudAndAlleys.com.**

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, $4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com.**

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the

CIAO Italia' Bistro

$4 Glass of Wine

Live Music w/ David Seering Thur-Sat.

850-842-4677

MONDAY - SATURDAY 4-10 P.M.

985 Highway 98 East Suite F, Destin, FL

Tuscany ITALIAN BISTRO

850-650-2451

TUESDAY - SUNDAY 5 P.M.-CLOSE

36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, FL

HAPPY HOUR 5-9PM in the bar! w/ Drink Specials & Menu!

LIVE MUSIC Thur-Sat

CIAO BELLA ITALIAN BISTRO

$1.50 Glass of Wine with purchase of entree

850-654-3040

MONDAY - SATURDAY 11 A.M.-9 P.M.

10676 US-98, Miramar Beach, FL

Bring on the Sweets

On Saturday, Jan. 20, seven South Walton restaurants will compete in a cooking competition featuring Girl Scout cookies.

Presented by Gulf Coast Jeeps, Granite Plus and Hall and Runnels PA, ***Destin Desserts*** will be held at The Beach House in Sandestin. Doors open at 4 p.m. for a sunset social hour, and attendees will receive a complimentary drink ticket, heavy *hors d'oeuvres* and opportunities to taste and vote for their favorite dessert. Proceeds benefit the Girl Scouts' Camp Kolomoki.

The evening includes a silent auction, with items such as horseback riding from Arnett's Gulfside Farm & Stables, a weekend Jeep rental from Gulf Coast Jeeps, and a two-night stay at the Sandestin resort.

Tickets are $50 and can be purchased through Eventbrite or at **www.gscfp.org.**

This year's participating restaurants include Surfing Deer, Chanticleer Eatery, Amici 30A, The Red Bar/Louis Louis, Freshii, Fish Out of Water and The Hub 30A.

For more information, call 888-271-8778

- Janis Boatright

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Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy $7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, **lacocina30a.net.**

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. $15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. **www.lapazdestin.com.**

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. $4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. **www.mypepitos.com**.

PIZZA & PASTA

BUD & ALLEY'S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. **BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com.**

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. $4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

THE BACK PORCH Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. **www.theback-porch.com.** 850-837-2022.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. $5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 a.m. 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 a.m. 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. **info@emeraldgrande.com.**

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings.

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In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. **harbordocks.com.**

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. **info@harryts.co.**

LOCAL CATCH has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. **www.localcatch30a.com.**

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SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, **saltwatergrillpcb.com.**

Another Golden Spoon for Bud & Alley's

Bud & Alley's Waterfront Restaurant located on Scenic Highway 30A overlooking the Gulf in Seaside, has won the state's highest culinary honor, *Florida Trend* magazine's Golden Spoon Hall of Fame Award.

This year marks the 50th year for this prestigious honor and designates Bud & Alley's as one of the top 20 restaurants in the state of Florida.

Bud & Alley's is one of only two restaurants selected in Santa Rosa Beach.

The classic Golden Spoon recognizes outstanding fine dining restaurants that have demonstrated consistency in high standards and longevity.

Since its founding in 1986, Bud & Alley's has set the standard for culinary excellence along 30A. Bud & Alley's, South Walton's longest established restaurant, pioneered the farm- and sea-to-table movement in Seaside and along 30A. Its devotion to serving dishes with the freshest possible ingredients offered on its breakfast, lunch and dinner menu.

Bud & Alley's is still housed in its original wood-frame structure that accommodates an intimate downstairs bar. Over the years, the restaurant expanded with a gracious dining room, a series of porches and an open-air gazebo. Upstairs, the popular open-air roof-deck is open to the sky with panoramic views of the Gulf and Seaside—the nightly sunset celebration and bell ringing is one of Scenic 30A's most beloved traditions.

Plans are already underway to for additional enhancements to give guests and even better dining experience in 2018.

In Florida restaurant circles, the Golden Spoon Hall of Fame Award is a prestigious honor reserved for a select few. Only a few dozen restaurants in the entire state of Florida have attained this achievement. The top honors were announced in the December issue of *Florida Trend.*

"As we enter our third decade, this award continues to be meaningful, and it's such an honor to be recognized by *Florida Trend* in this way," says Bud & Alley's founder-owner **Dave Rauschkolb**. "I am so proud of my staff and all the wonderful people who have contributed all these years to Bud & Alley's success."

For more information on Bud & Alley's Waterfront Restaurant, follow them on Facebook, call 850-231-5900 or visit **BudAndAlleys.com.**

- Zandra Wolfgram

Restaurant Guide

SUSHI

JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30'04.250N and 87'02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. **www.jackacudas.com.**

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SUSHI BAR 34745 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-4688.

TAPAS AND WINE

LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, **lacrematapas.com.**

WATERFRONT DINING

BUD & ALLEY'S WATERFRONT RESTAURANT A pioneer of the fish- and farm-to-table movement, with an award-winning menu featuring Gulf Coast classics paired with Southern-style cuisine. The daily Sunset Celebration ritual on the Rooftop Deck overlooking the Gulf has been a tradition for more than 30 years. Open daily for breakfast (8-11 a.m.), lunch (11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) and dinner (from 5 p.m.). Hours may vary. 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-5900. **BudAndAlleys.com.**

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, $4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com.**

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it's a state of mind. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Five O'Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 p.m. 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. **www.margaritavilledestin.com.**

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S DESTIN is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy's own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 a.m. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, LuLu's Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). **www.lulubuffett.com/destin.**

VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named "Best Restaurant of 2014" by *The Beachcomber,* Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; happy hour Tue.-Sat., 3-6 p.m.; dinner Tue.-Sat., 4:30-8:30 p.m. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 4:30-6 p.m. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. **www.Vueon30a.com.**

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If your bar isn't listed here, you need to email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com** *immediately!*

CAMILLE'S AT CRYSTAL BEACH
2931 Scenic Highway 98
Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille's Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-424-7417
When: Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.
Drink Specials: $4 house margaritas, $3 well drinks and house wine, $3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

FISHHEADS
HarborWalk Village
Destin
When: 6-8 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: $1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

FOKKER'S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1
Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays.
Drink Specials: Everything half price except Bushwhackers and high end bourbons.

45 CENTRAL WINE BAR
45 Central Square
Seaside
850-231-4545
fortyfivecentral.com
When: 4-6 p.m. daily. Paella nights Wednesdays and Fridays.
Drink Specials: Half off wine by the glass, $1 off beer.

GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550
When: 4-6 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T'S
HarborWalk Village
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850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

Original art by Angie Boling.

HOG'S BREATH SALOON
541 Harbor Blvd.
Destin
850-837-5991
When: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and 10 p.m. to close, Mon.-Fri.
Drink Specials: Half off wells and calls, $1 Bud Light draft, $1 off domestic beer and wines.

JACKACUDAS
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-424-3507
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 p.m.-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus $5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE
HarborWalk Village
Destin
850-460-7700
When: Monday-Friday, 10 p.m.-close.
Drink Specials: $3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, $4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, $5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

LA PAZ
950 Gulf Shore Drive
Destin
850-837-2247
When: 4-6 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: $5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S
4607 Legendary Marina Drive
Destin
850-710-LULU (5858)
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.
Drink Specials: $2 select drafts, $8 pitchers, $3 glass house wines, $4 rocks house Margaritas, $6 frozen house Margaritas and Daiquiris.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE
15000 Emerald Coast Pkwy.
Destin
850-837-RUTH
RuthsChrisDestin.com
When: 5-7 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: $3 domestic beer, $5.25 premium well, $7 glass wine, $9 specialty drinks. Plus bar menu food, $5-13.

SAMMY'S
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 p.m. Late night happy hour, 2-4 a.m. Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for $5 well drinks, $10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for $6 well drinks, $12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 a.m.

Horrorscopes

AQUARIUS
JAN. 21 - FEB. 19

Your planet is moving between Aries and Taurus. Dismay, scorn and putrid are key words. Best advice: Don't even bother—with anything. Nothing works. Nothing looks good. Future isn't bright at all.

PISCES
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20

Venus, Saturn and Pluto are all in Capricorn. That's a little busy, wouldn't you say?
You sometimes have a problem with boredom. You're going to wish things were more boring. Will there be excitement? Yes. But not the good kind.

ARIES
MAR. 21 - APR. 20

Mars will join with Jupiter. As you know, bad set-up. Stay away from water. Oceans, rivers, lakes, ponds, even creeks. Doesn't matter if you're a good swimmer. STAY AWAY FROM WATER!

TAURUS
APR. 21 - MAY 21

Later this year Venus goes retrograde in Scorpio and direct with Libra. You've seen this before, but not like this time. It's time for big changes—unfortunately, you won't have any say in the matter. They won't be the kind of changes you would choose, and they'll be worse than anything you could imagine in your most bizarre nightmares.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

You're like the twins Castor and Pollux, but your split personality is perplexing because neither of your sides is attractive. Try not to go out in public, but if you do… for God's sake, do it when no one is around.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

The moon has left Gemini and entered Cancer. You'll be exposed for who you really are. Everyone around you will be embarrassed for you—and because of you.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUG. 23

Leo tends to be a leader of the Zodiacs. You been keeping track of our leaders lately? Not good. You'll do no better. First you'll lose your followers. Then your family (though that might not be such a bad thing).

VIRGO
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23

The sun enters Leo, and you'll feel the heat from all sides. You won't be able to tell who you friends are, but your enemies will be obvious. You will think everyone is out to get you, and you'll be correct.

LIBRA
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23

Good to go. Take on new tasks. Make new friends. Travel. Fall in love. You'll succeed at everything. Enjoy!

SCORPIO
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22

Mars is joined with Jupiter in Scorpio. Your intensity regarding all matters will lead people to think that you've lost your mind. They will be correct. Your affliction won't surface in any sort of demented way, just in a pitiful kind of stupid way.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21

Things aren't just moving quickly. They're moving way, way too fast. You'll hardly have time to think before events, and decisions (that you don't want to make) are thrust upon you. You'll have difficulty accomplishing anything more complicated than brushing your teeth.

CAPRICORN
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20

Neptune sorta joins with the sun and Venus. Things come together and begin to make sense. You realize that life isn't anything more than a quick flash. Nothing matters. There are no higher powers. There's just…nothing…out…there.

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